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14th stage of
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Riders in the Tour de France are seen through vineyards as the pack pedals outside Beziers during the 14th stage in southern France on Sunday. Five-time champion Lance Armstrong is still in second place in the overall standings, trailing France's Thomas Voeckler by 22 seconds. Armstrong is expected to claim his record sixth title when the tour wraps up July 25 in Paris.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Coal mine accident: Five Pennsylvania miners who narrowly escaped a 2002 coal mine accident that trapped nine others in a flooded tunnel for three days have sued the mine's owners and operators, alleging they knew or should have known of the dangers. The miners allege that they suffered from post-traumatic stress, anxiety, depression and shock, and have spent money on medical care.

The miners were part of a crew that escaped as millions of gallons of icy water surged into the Quecreek Mine, 70 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, on July 24, 2002.

Mount Rainier identification: A body found on Mount Rainier has been identified as one of two Montana climbers who were swept to their deaths while ascending the treacherous Liberty Ridge route.

Warm weather melted enough snow and ice for a climber to spot the remains of Ansel Vizcaya on Tuesday about 9,300 feet up the north face of the Washington peak, said Michael J. Gauthier, Mount Rainier National Park search and rescue supervisor.

Vizcaya, 29, of Missoula, Mont., and his climbing partner, Luke Casady, 29, of Stevensville, Mont., apparently did nothing wrong but were pinned down by a sudden storm and then caught by an avalanche, Gauthier said.

Embattled sheriff: The sheriff of one of the nation's most troubled jails is dodging possible suspension and firing by taking time off for the rest of her elected term.

Fulton County, Ga., Sheriff Jackie Barrett faces several investigations involving a rap video filmed in a maximum-security wing of the Fulton County Jail, deplorable conditions at the facility and a money-losing investment of \$7.2 million in public funds.

Barrett, the nation's first female black sheriff when elected in 1992, still may be prosecuted in a federal probe of the use of taxpayer dollars in an investment fund that lost \$2 million.

Nursing home fire: Lax safety standards and inaccurate information about fire drills contributed to the deaths of 16 people in a fire at a Hartford, Conn., nursing home last year, federal investigators say.

A report issued Friday by the U.S. Government Accountability Office also faulted the staff of the Greenwood Health Center for failing to properly apply the nursing home's fire response plan, particularly by not shutting doors to patients' rooms after the Feb. 26, 2003, fire started.



Afghanistan election: An Afghan woman receives her voter identification card as others wait Sunday at a voter registration center in Kabul, Afghanistan. The country's oft-delayed presidential election will take place Oct. 9, but a parliamentary vote originally scheduled to be held simultaneously was put off until the spring. According to the Joint Electoral Management Body of Afghanistan, an estimated 6.5 million eligible voters have registered to vote, with 38 percent of them women.

World

Chechnya killing: A local leader of Russia's main pro-presidential party was shot to death in Chechnya early Sunday in what the region's prosecutor said was a contract killing linked to the Aug. 29 presidential election.

Tamara Khadzhiyeva of United Russia, which supports President Vladimir Putin, was killed by masked gunmen at her home in Shali, southeast of the Chechen capital Grozny, an official in the Moscow-backed government said on condition of anonymity.

Three attackers broke into Khadzhiyeva's home at about 3:30 a.m. and shot her at point-blank range.

Militants in Saudi Arabia: Saudi Arabia announced Sunday that it has received 27 wanted militants from a number of countries.

An unidentified official did not provide other details, except to say that the militants were handed over by "brotherly" countries, a term usually used to describe Arab and Muslim states.

It was not clear whether the 27 had surrendered to Saudi diplomats or were arrested.

Sudan talks on hold: Talks to end the slaughter of tens of thousands in Sudan's

Darfur region have been put on hold indefinitely after two rebel groups walked out saying the Sudanese government has ignored existing peace agreements, an African Union mediator said.

The failure this weekend of what was to be a fresh round of talks raised new doubts about chances for ending the bloodshed and its accompanying refugee crisis.

Tens of thousands of black Africans have died in more than a year of violence that's turned into a systematic slaughter blamed on Arab militiamen.

War on terrorism

Polish troops in Iraq: Poland will keep troops in Iraq at least through the end of 2005, but firmly intends to reduce its presence at the start of next year, the nation's prime minister said Sunday.

Poland, which commands a 17-nation force in south-central Iraq, is required by a U.N. resolution to remain in Iraq until the end of 2005. But Polish leaders haven't determined what role their country will play after that, Prime Minister Marek Belka said during a visit to Camp Babylon, the force's headquarters in Iraq.

He said Poland will start "thinking about changing the nature of our military presence" after 2005.

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Accused U.S. Air deserter Charles Jenkins and his Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga, arrive at Tokyo's Haneda International Airport on Sunday. Jenkins flew into Japan from Jakarta, Indonesia, for medical treatment of his abdominal troubles following an operation in North Korea.

Accused deserter arrives in Japan

Jenkins getting medical treatment; U.S. has not yet requested custody

By JOSEPH COLEMAN

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Gripping a cane and looking haggard, an American accused of deserting the U.S. Army and defecting to North Korea arrived in Japan on Sunday and was immediately hospitalized, putting himself within the reach of U.S. authorities for the first time in 39 years.

Charles Jenkins, who vanished from his platoon in 1965 and later played devilish American characters in communist propaganda films, faces possible U.S. military prosecution on desertion and other charges in Japan, although American officials suggest they will delay taking him into custody.

Jenkins' arrival, broadcast live by Japanese TV networks, came amid a wave of public sympathy in Japan over the plight of his Japanese wife, Hitomi Soga, who married him after she was kidnapped in Japan by North Korean agents in 1978 and taken to the communist country.

The family arrived on a Japanese government-chartered flight from Jakarta, Indonesia, where they held an emotional reunion after nearly two years of separation. Soga returned to Japan from North Korea with four other abductees in 2002, but Jenkins stayed behind with their daughters for fear of U.S. prosecution.

Japanese and American officials say Jenkins, 64, is in dire need of medical attention following an abdominal operation in North Korea.

The Japanese government, eager to reunite Soga's family, has pushed for U.S. clemency for the North Carolina native, and stood by his position on Sunday

that Jenkins' health should take priority over his legal problems.

"The Japanese government will provide all the necessary support so Mr. Jenkins can concentrate on his medical treatment for now," said Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda.

The United States has maintained its right to pursue a case against Jenkins. He was never officially discharged from the military, and is subject to U.S. military authorities under the status of forces agreement.

But American officials, including U.S. Ambassador Howard Baker, have said in recent days that they are sympathetic to Jenkins' health troubles. Baker met with Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi on Saturday and said U.S. custody could be delayed.

Japanese officials say the United States had not yet officially asked to apprehend him.

"I think they all are still a bit nervous, but they seem to have hope," Kyoko Nakayama, the government's envoy for the North Korean abduction issue, said of Jenkins' family.

The arrival comes just days after Japanese authorities helped Washington with another fugitive case — that of chess legend Bobby Fischer, who has been sought by the United States for attending a 1992 chess match in Yugoslavia despite international sanctions.

Fischer was detained in Japan on Tuesday, providing Tokyo with an example of cooperation with Washington while it made a case for leniency for Jenkins.

Jenkins' family has denied that he is a deserter, maintaining that he was kidnapped by North Korea.

Split-MOPP unmasks airmen

AF employs 'smarter' response to chemical attacks in S. Korea

By FRANKLIN FISHER

Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — When it comes to chemical attacks, airmen here are about to take off the gloves.

And the masks. Specifically, when the Air Force holds another periodic combat readiness exercise at Osan this week, many airmen likely will be able to switch far more quickly into less restrictive gear, minus those masks and gloves.

In past years, when Osan Air Base practiced responding to mock chemical attacks, the entire base would spend hot, cumbersome hours in full chemical protective gear, known as Level 4 of MOPP, or "mission-oriented protective posture."

But testing, officials said, disclosed that after a chemical strike, contamination levels across a base may vary. Not everyone needs to be in full chemical-attack battle rattle. The result is that airmen call the "split-MOPP" method — aimed at returning as many airmen as possible to Level 2 gear as quickly as possible.

"Wearing everything is not only uncomfortable ... but there's the heat buildup and dehydration," said Col. John Schiavi, 51st Fighter Wing commander. "So the sooner you can get folks out of that and down into taking the mask off and taking the gloves off they will be less encumbered from the wear of that, less likely to become dehydrated or overheated."

Upon chemical attack, Osan officials said, the entire base immediately must don MOPP 4, designed for the highest level of protection. It requires an overgarment, protective mask, hood, gloves, overboots, and field gear.

But the mask and gloves make it tougher to talk on the phone or work with one's hands. Still, Schiavi said, "In the old days, and other places I have been, when the base was ... simulated-attacked during these exercises, the whole base would go and react and put on their chemical protective equip-



WILL STEVENS/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

ment and then we would stay in that for hours on end, as if the entire base was contaminated with simulated chemical weapons."

Under the split-MOPP system, a base is divided into zones. Trained teams of airmen would check each zone's contamination level. "They get reports from all the different locations on base and they assemble those into a base map that shows where contamination or simulated contamination is showing up," Schiavi said.

The wing commander then would decide whether to reduce the MOPP level in certain zones from 4 to 2, Schiavi said.

Signs at key "MOPP Transition Points" between zones would display a numeral indicating which of two MOPP gear levels are required — 4 or 2. The signs also would display detailed information in English and Korean on what MOPP gear airmen would need before entering the next zone.

The entire process, from the chemical weapon strike to when the MOPP level can be reduced, might run from 30 to 90 minutes, Schiavi said.

The faster any damage can be

repaired, the more quickly working conditions can be returned to normal. "The more combat sorties we're able to generate," said Schiavi. "Being able to move more airmen into less restrictive protective gear not only increases their comfort, he said, but also "adds up to supporting the wing and enabling us to do our job."

At Osan Air Base, all newly arrived airmen must take a one-day class in nuclear, biological, and chemical hazards. The class includes about an hour's instruction on split-MOPP, 20 minutes of it hands-on practice reading the signs airmen would encounter at the zone transition points, said Staff Sgt. William Stevens, who works with readiness training at Osan Air Base in the 51st Civil Engineer Squadron's Readiness Flight.

During the split-MOPP classroom training, Stevens said, airmen typically are told, "You may remember the old way. And this is how we're going to work smarter. This will allow you guys to get the mission done a lot faster than you used to be able to do it."

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Flooding in Japan

TOKYO — The death toll from flooding that has swept through northern Japan since last week rose to 18 on Sunday, as four bodies were found and more road closures, the whole base would go and react and put on their chemical protective equip-

Since last Monday, more than 20 inches of rain had fallen in Niigata prefecture, nearly one-fifth the annual average.

A 42-year-old woman, who had been missing since Tuesday, was found drowned in a ditch, police said.

Local authorities maintained an evacuation order for more than 12,000 households in the area. More rain was expected to fall in the region on Monday.

A separate storm farther south, meanwhile, caused floods that killed two men and injured six and unleashed a landslide that

killed a child, in his 70s, according to police.

The Meteorological Agency warned of more flooding, landslides and overflowing rivers. Accompanied by lightning and gusts of wind, rainfall in Fukui for the 24 hours to midnight could total 14 inches, the agency said.

Heavy rains kill eight

SEOUL — Heavy downpours of rain killed eight people and destroyed more than two dozen homes throughout the country, officials said Sunday.

The rains, which were at their heaviest Friday and continued through Saturday, temporarily shut down portions of cross-country rail systems and flooded several farm areas and low-lying parts of cities.

The Central Disaster Prevention and Emergency Measures Headquarters said the latest casualty

was a 52-year-old taxi driver, found dead Saturday in a river near Chungju, south of Seoul.

The Korea Meteorological Administration said the monsoon rains were done by Sunday; sunshine and temperatures reaching into the 90s were expected to replace the storm systems.

Career briefing

The Army Materiel Command Forward — Far East and the Contracting Command — Korea, are sponsoring a visit from a Department of the Army career counseling team Wednesday at Camp Hantsu.

The Acquisition Career Management Team from the Army Acquisition Support Center will hold the briefing from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Camp Henry Theater.

For more information, or to schedule an individual interview, call USN 768-7583.

From staff and wire reports

Controversial Iraqi newspaper reopens

Closed by coalition troops for 2 months, mouthpiece of 'Sadrist' movement reinstated

BY TAREK EL-TALAWY

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's interim prime minister issued a decree Sunday reopening a controversial newspaper that had been closed by U.S. officials in March, sparking months of fighting between U.S. forces and militants loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Meanwhile, after a two-month lull between major public appearances, al-Sadr showed up in Najaf in an unannounced visit to the

Imam Ali shrine, one of Shiism's holiest sites. The mercurial cleric was ushered into the mosque as guards and aides cut a path through hundreds of chanting and cheering supporters.

Al-Sadr's "appearance and the disappearance was for security reasons," said Ahmed al-Shabani, the cleric's spokesman in the holy city of Najaf.

The weekly Al-Hawza was the mouthpiece of al-Sadr's "Sadrist" movement, routinely carrying his fiery sermons on its front page along with articles sharply criti-

cal of the U.S.-led occupation, which formally ended June 28.

Iraq's former American governor, L. Paul Bremer, ordered the newspaper closed for two months on March 28 for allegedly inciting violence against coalition troops.

The closure and the arrest a few days later of a close al-Sadr aide in the holy city of Najaf sparked an anti-coalition uprising by militants loyal to al-Sadr in Baghdad and across Shiite areas in central and southern Iraq. A series of truces ended the fighting, which had raged on and off for two months.

Interim Prime Minister Iyad Alawi, himself a Shiite, ordered the paper reopened in an effort to show his "absolute belief in the freedom of the press," his office said in a statement.

Bremer's decision to close Al-Hawza had drawn condemnation from members of the now-defunct Governing Council, who said it ran counter to talk of securing freedom for Iraqis.

The order to reopen Al-Hawza appears designed to broaden Alawi's base of support as his administration struggles to tackle a

worsening security situation while trying to build national support for the new government.

Al-Sadr and his top aides have repeatedly called Alawi's unelected government illegitimate, but said their movement was prepared to accept a wait-and-see policy as the country prepares for a general election due in January.

Bremer's closure order expired May 28, but Al-Hawza's editor in chief, Abbas al-Rohbi, has said that trying to resume publication then could have exposed the newspaper's editorial staff to arrest.

Iran says 9/11 hijackers may have entered nation

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Sunday some al-Qaida operatives blamed for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks may have illegally passed through Iran from Afghanistan months before striking in America but dismissed as "fabrications" U.S. reports that Tehran may have facilitated the 2001 attacks.

"It's normal that five or six people may have crossed the border within a couple of months without our knowledge ... our borders are long and it's not possible to fully control them," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told reporters.

Asefi was responding to a Sept. 11 commission report, expected Thursday, that says Iran may have facilitated the 2001 attacks in the United States by providing eight to 10 al-Qaida hijackers with safe passage to and from terrorist training camps in Afghanistan.

"Even more people may (illegally) cross the border between Mexico and the United States," he said.

The Iranian spokesman said possible crossings through Iran

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happened months before the Sept. 11 attacks but Iran has since increased border security.

"Who knew Sept. 11 was going to happen?" Asefi told reporters.

John McLaughlin, the CIA's acting director, said Sunday it was known for some time that hijackers passed through Iran but he would not implicate the Iranian government.

"We have no evidence that there is some sort of official connection between Iran and 9/11," he said on "Fox News Sunday" program.

Iran insists it has made a significant contribution to the war on terror by arresting agents of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network, but the United States accuses Tehran of harboring — not cracking down on — al-Qaida fugitives.

Tehran also complains that instead of rewarding Iran, President Bush included the country in his list of "axis of evil" partners together with North Korea and prewar Iraq under Saddam Hussein.

Asefi said Iran will remain committed to fighting al-Qaida.

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Sgt. 1st Class Kevin R. Wong of Charleston, W.Va., stocks the innovative post exchange at Forward Operating Base Rough Rider known as Wong-Mart, as "clerk" Spc. James R. Smith assists. Soldiers at the base in Mandi, Iraq, have set up their own convenience store and named it after Wong, who oversees the operation, and as a takeoff of retail giant Wal-Mart. Members of the West Virginia Army National Guard deployed to the base can buy items ranging from potato chips to DVD players. About twice a month, a truck joins a convoy and drives several hours to Baghdad International Airport where items are purchased from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service store. The goods are then sold for the same price at Rough Rider. Wong said average daily sales at the store, which opened on Easter, are between \$5,000 to \$6,000. The money is used to buy products for the next run to the airport. The guardsmen are part of 1st Infantry Division-led Task Force Danger.

Recent reports lend support to disputed prewar claim

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was one of the first signs that the intelligence used to go to war in Iraq was wrong: White House repudiation of 16 words in last year's State of the Union speech that had suggested Saddam Hussein tried to buy uranium in Africa.

Yet even as two recent reports sharply criticized prewar intelligence, they also suggested President Bush's claim may not have been totally off-base.

A British report concluded that Bush's statement and a similar one by Prime Minister Tony Blair were "well-founded." In his speech, Bush had attributed the uranium claim to the British government.

A Senate Intelligence Committee report

found inadequate evidence that deposited in President Saddam had been rebuilding his nuclear weapons program. It cited various reports, however, that Iraq had sought uranium in Africa. Thus, although Bush cited only British evidence that was determined to have been inconclusive, other intelligence files clearly contained other inconclusive evidence of the truth of the claim.

The committee chairman, Sen. Pat Roberts, said he believed last year that the White House was correct in repudiating the uranium claim.

"Now I don't know whether it's accurate or not. That's the whole question," Roberts, R-Kan., said in an interview.

The White House's repudiation came

after The New York Times published an op-ed column by former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who was sent by the CIA to Niger to determine if Iraq was acquiring uranium. Wilson said it was unlikely any uranium transaction had taken place and the administration appeared to have been manipulating the intelligence.

Republicans said Wilson was trying to boost the Democrats' presidential campaign and looked to discredit him and his mission.

In an addendum to the report, Roberts and two other Republicans accused Wilson of providing "inaccurate, unsubstantiated and misleading" information. In a letter to committee leaders Thursday, Wilson said a thorough reading of the report supports his public comments.

The CIA's acting director, John E. McLaughlin, told "Fox News Sunday," "I think there's some debate about what his report said or didn't say. I just don't want to take a position on it."

Bush, in his State of the Union address on Jan. 28, 2003, used the uranium intelligence to help make the case that Saddam was pursuing nuclear weapons. "The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa," he said.

That claim came under scrutiny after the International Atomic Energy Agency determined that documents purportedly showing Iraq buying uranium from Niger were fake.

But the Senate committee disclosed other intelligence suggesting that Iraq was pursuing uranium.

IN THE WORLD

Arafat's offices torched

Palestinians protest appointment of relative as new security chief

BY LARA SUKHITIAN
The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Militants sacked and burned Palestinian government offices Sunday, the latest sign of growing anger over Yasser Arafat's decision to reach into his old guard and choose a loyalist relative as new security chief.

A confrontation was brewing among Arafat — reluctant to yield significant power, and Palestinian militants and even some of Arafat's own officers. They are demanding deep reforms and new faces, Palestinian analysts said.

The divide between the two sides grew with the appointment of Moussa Arafat, Arafat's cousin, as the new head of Palestinian security. Many Palestinians rejected Moussa as a symbol of corruption and cronyism, propelling long-held dissatisfaction into the open.

The internal Palestinian unrest was the most serious in more than a year. In 2003, protests against corruption forced Arafat to promise reforms and appoint a new government, led by Mahmoud Abbas.

He resigned after only four months.

The turmoil came as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon planned to withdraw from Gaza next year, intensifying a struggle for power and influence among the various Palestinian factions.



Newly appointed chief of Palestinian security forces Moussa Arafat, center, is surrounded by bodyguards as he walks by his new office in Gaza City on Sunday.

Sharon said the trouble reinforced his contention that Israel cannot negotiate with the present Palestinian leadership.

Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz called Arafat's reforms "an illusion" and said the Palestinian leader had retained his grip on power. "They are playing musical chairs," he told Israel Radio.

Sharon began coalition talks Sunday with moderate Labor Party opposition leader Shimon Peres. Sharon wants to rebuild his coalition government with parties that will support the Gaza pullout.

Also on Sunday, Israel's Cabinet Sunday approved the extension of a law banning Palestinians who marry Israeli Arabs from living in Israel.

The law, enacted last year for an initial one-year period, was extended by six months. It still needs parliamentary approval.

Arabs make up about 20 percent of Israel's population of 6.6 million, while about 3 million Palestinians live in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Trial of Iranian agent accused in journalists' murder suddenly ends

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's hard-line judiciary on Sunday abruptly ended the trial of a secret agent charged with murdering an Iranian-Canadian photojournalist, and lawyers for the victim's mother said the proceedings as "unacceptable."

It was not clear when a verdict would be issued in the case, which has strained ties with Canada and led to accusations among hard-liners and reformers within Iran's ruling Islamic establishment.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin Ebadi, who leads a four-member legal team representing Zahra Kazemi's mother, said the lawyers refused to sign the bill of indictment and walked out of the courthouse in protest.

"This court is unacceptable. The indictment is flawed and incomplete," he said. "A verdict issued based on this hearing won't be fair."

The court had only met three times in the trial of agent Moham-

mad Reza Aghdam Ahmadi, a counterespionage expert and the only person implicated by the judiciary in what is called the "semi-premeditated murder" of Kazemi. He pleaded innocent Saturday.

Ahmadi's lawyer Qasem Shabani said he expected his client to be acquitted.

Kazemi, a Canadian freelance journalist of Iranian origin, died July 10, 2003, while in detention for taking photographs outside a Tehran prison during student-led protests against the ruling establishment.

Iranian authorities initially said Kazemi died of a stroke.

Later, a presidential committee found that she died of a fractured skull and brain hemorrhage from a blow to the head.

After resistance, Iran agreed to allow diplomats to watch the trial.

On Sunday, a clearly outraged Canadian Ambassador, Philip Mackinnon, and other diplomats left the building after waiting for more than 90 minutes outside the court.

Pilot who dropped atomic bomb on Nagasaki in WWII has died

The Associated Press

MILITARY, Mass. — Charles W. Sweeney, a retired Air Force major general who piloted the plane that dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki in the final days of World War II, has died at age 84.

Sweeney died Thursday at Mas-

sachusetts General Hospital in Boston, hospital spokeswoman Christine Johanson said. She did not disclose the cause of death.

Sweeney was 25 when he piloted the B-29 bomber that attacked Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945, three days after the Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and six

days before Japan surrendered.

About 70,000 people were killed in the explosion of the bomb, dubbed "Fat Man." It was the first bomb Sweeney ever dropped on an enemy target.

Sweeney was an outspoken defender of the bombings, appearing on CNN and speaking at colleges and universities.

Sweeney wrote a book, "War's End: An Eyewitness Account of America's Last Atomic Mission," to counter what he considered "cockamamie theories" that the bombings were unnecessary.

"I looked upon it as a duty. I just wanted the war to be over, so we could get back home to our loved ones," he told The Patriot Ledger of Quincy in 1995. "I hope my missions were the last ones of their kind that will ever be flown."

Sweeney also played a role in the bombing at Hiroshima, where he flew an instrument plane that accompanied the Enola Gay during that attack.

His B-29, the Bock's Car, carried out a harrowing mission with the crew. The flight had fuel problems from the start, and clouds and smoke were covering the mission's primary target, the city of Kokura.

After making several dangerous passes over the city, Sweeney abandoned the primary target for Nagasaki. A break in the clouds allowed the bomb to be dropped, he said.

Sweeney became a brigadier general in 1956, and at the time was the youngest man in the Air Force to reach that rank. He retired in 1976.



Maj. Gen. Charles W. Sweeney

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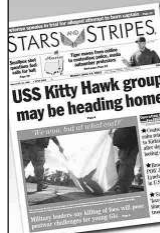
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India closes down thatched-roof schools

BY S. SRINIVASAN

The Associated Press

KUMBakonam, India — Authorities ordered the closure of hundreds of schools with flammable thatched roofs in a southern Indian state after 90 children died last week in a school fire, officials said Sunday.

Investigators said the blaze Friday at the private Lord Krishna Middle School in Tamil Nadu state was apparently sparked by dry coconut leaves being used as firewood in a makeshift kitchen. It then spread to the school's thatched roofs, which collapsed onto the students below.

K. Gnanadesikan, the state's education secretary, said the government had ordered all schools with thatched roofs to close for a week to build concrete roofs.

It wasn't clear how many schools would be shut, but about 500 of the 1,500 privately owned primary schools in the state have such roofs.

About 90 children were killed in the blaze. About 90 others who were injured have been released

from hospitals, leaving 10 severely injured children still hospitalized.

Each of the school's long, narrow and windowless classrooms had only one exit. The flames jumped quickly to the building's thatched roof, and many children couldn't escape.

Police investigators were at the site Sunday, measuring walls, burned bamboo poles, the floor and even some of the furniture, apparently to check if the school had followed government guidelines.

Sonia Gandhi, head of India's ruling coalition, also visited the scene and said the accident "has stunned the entire nation." She announced a \$220,000 assistance package for the town, Kumbakonam.

The police have arrested five school officials: the principal, his wife, who is a member of the school's management; his daughter, who helped run the school; and two kitchen workers. They were being held on negligence charges.

The school was one of thousands of similar private operations across India. They often use small, cramped rooms and cater to poor Indian families, charging the equivalent of \$5 to \$10 a month.

The schools often flout government guidelines.



People offer flower petals at a memorial Saturday for the children who died in a fire at a school in Kumbakonam, India.

Several lay claim to reward after manhunt ends in India

The Associated Press

CALCUTTA, India — A hotel owner, a taxi driver and a barber are among those claiming the \$110,000 reward for helping police in India catch the main suspect in the rape and murder of a British teenager, news reports said Sunday.

Maninderpal Singh Kohli is accused of assaulting Hannah Foster, 17, near her home in Southampton, England, in March 2003 and then fleeing to India. Police arrested him Thursday in West Bengal state.

Kohli denied committing the crime but police said he confessed to throwing Foster's body from his car. He did not explain how it got there.

Kohli's arrest came after British police and a British tabloid announced separate rewards totaling \$110,000 for anyone providing information on Kohli's whereabouts.

No far, at least eight people have claimed the money, news reports said. No decision has been made yet on who will receive what.

"I [have] the phone bills as proof," Ajay Kumar Ratholia, the owner of a hotel where Kohli stayed, was quoted as saying by several local newspapers.

A taxi driver, a newspaper shop owner, a barber and a police officer also told local media they deserved the award.

Failed Hitler assassins honored

BY TONY CZUCZKA

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's main Protestant bishop paid tribute Sunday to the dissident army officers who tried to blow up Adolf Hitler in a failed coup 60 years ago, calling them an example to the nation.

The sermon was part of the buildup of anniversary events honoring Col. Claus Graf Schenk von Stauffenberg and other high-ranking soldiers from the German aristocracy, executed in Berlin after the Nazi dictator survived the July 20, 1944 briefcase bomb placed by Stauffenberg.

"Our society, and also our church, struggled for a long time to honor the plans and the daring" of the Nazi resistance, Lutheran Bishop Wolfgang Huber said at the Berlin Cathedral. "Those who sacrificed their lives during those days did not die in vain. Their example lives on."

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder is to lead official commemorations Tuesday of the best-known attempt to assassinate Hitler. But the 60th anniversary generated a swell of public interest for months in advance, driven by a new feature film on Stauffenberg, books and television documentaries.

The coverage has also confronted younger Germans with the uncomfortable fact that even after Nazi surrender at the end of World War II less than a year later, many ordinary citizens viewed the plotters as traitors.

The bomb killed five people but missed its target. Stauffenberg, who had left the building before the explosion and watched from outside, was convinced of the mission's success and raced back to Berlin's army headquarters to help manage the transfer of power. As word spread that Hitler was alive, the coup crumbled.

Aussies flock to snow

SYDNEY, Australia — Authorities in Australia warned people to stay home Sunday as Sydney residents flocked to mountains west of the city for a glimpse of a rare weather phenomenon — snow.

Overnight snow dusted much of southeastern Australia, including

areas south and west of the city.

Snowfall is rare in the region, and traffic authorities trying to deal with icy roads in the mountains advised curious sightseers to stay away.

No snow fell in Sydney itself, but a number of trees did as strong winds lashed coastal suburbs.

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IN THE STATES

9/11 panel wants U.S. intelligence revamped

BY DAN EGGEN
AND STEVE COLL
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The final report of the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks recommends a major restructuring of the nation's intelligence community and includes broad criticism of the White House, Congress and other parts of the U.S. government for failing to detect, thwart and better respond to the deadly hijackings, according to panel members and other officials.

The book-length report — being readied for public release on Thursday — has been endorsed

by all 10 of the bipartisan panel's members. It features many of the findings that emerged from public hearings and staff investigations, including the conclusion that al-Qaida and Iraq did not form a close working relationship, commission officials said.

But the final report goes beyond the detailed findings of the commission's staff, scolding Congress for poor oversight of the nation's counterterrorism efforts and urging specific and dramatic reforms that include creation of a powerful national counterterrorism center, according to administration officials and those in-

volved in drafting the document. The new center would have far greater authority than the Terrorism Threat Integration Center opened by the CIA last year, officials said.

The report also recommends a Cabinet-level office and director to oversee the CIA, FBI and other intelligence agencies, as the New York Times reported Saturday, but one official familiar with the report said that was only part of a broader reorganization aimed at shaking up the intelligence community.

The five Republicans and five Democrats on the commission have jointly agreed not to discuss

details of their recommendations before the report is released.

The proposals follow two reports by the House and Senate intelligence committees that faulted the government's intelligence gathering, particularly at the CIA, and came amid a flurry of legislative proposals to remake the intelligence community.

The report caps a remarkable 20-month investigation in which the independent commission — created amid acrimony by Congress and initially opposed by President Bush — gained unprecedented access to closely held presidential briefings, transcripts of interrogations of high-level

al-Qaida leaders and tens of thousands of pages of other classified material. The panel also privately interviewed Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and their predecessors, Bill Clinton and Al Gore.

Some of the commission's most politically sensitive judgments this week will address conspiracy-tinted questions echoing in the current presidential campaign, such as whether al-Qaida and Saddam Hussein's Iraq had a significant relationship, and whether the White House made special arrangements to fly bin Laden relatives out of the United States in September 2001, as alleged in Michael Moore's new documentary film, "Fahrenheit 9/11."

CIA acting director opposes idea of national intelligence chief

BY JENNIFER C. KERR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rejecting a recommendation expected this week from the Sept. 11 commission, the CIA's acting director said Sunday a new national intelligence chief is unnecessary and that intelligence agencies have made changes since the 2001 attacks to better protect the country.

John McLaughlin said "a good argument can be made" for a Cabinet-level position to oversee the nation's 15 intelligence agencies and control their budgets.

But, he added, "It doesn't relate particularly to the world I live in. I see the director of Central Intelligence as someone who is able to do that and is empowered to do so under the National Security Act of 1947."

McLaughlin, who took over at the CIA when Director George Tenet left on July 11, also said the agency has disrupted a number of al-Qaida plots to mount attacks by air, sea and other methods in the United States.

"It's important to remember here that for these people, an attack in the United States is the brass ring," he told "Fox News Sunday."

The new post would represent the most drastic step in structuring the intelligence agencies since the CIA was created after World War II.

"With some modest changes in the way the CIA is set up, the director of Central Intelligence could carry out that function well and appropriately," McLaughlin said.

The CIA director now has loose authority over those agencies.

But the commission in a preliminary report found that the director did not hold enough power because the Pentagon con-

trols more than 80 percent of the nation's intelligence budget. As a result, CIA requests to other agencies are often ignored.

The commission's final report, expected to be released Thursday, will highlight intelligence failures by the CIA and the FBI that enabled the Sept. 11 attacks to occur.

But McLaughlin was quick to point out that intelligence agencies have improved intelligence-gathering and operations since the attacks.

Still, the threat to America remains. "We can be successful 1,000 times and these people have to be lucky only once," McLaughlin said.

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Los Alamos lab activities suspended

Security lapses led to unprecedented step

By LESLIE HOFFMAN
The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The Los Alamos National Laboratory director, tired of security lapses at the northern New Mexico lab, has brought nearly all work there to a standstill and is calling scowls "cowboys" out for a final showdown.

Pete Nanos took the unprecedented step Friday of broadening a stand-down of classified work to include all lab activities.

"We are doing this as part of an effort to ensure this laboratory operates safely and meets our national security obligations," Nanos said in a memo to all employees.

He said there will be exceptions to his order, so that critical mis-

sions and essential national security functions continue unabated.

Nanos made the announcement a day after the University of California, which manages the lab for the Department of Energy, ordered him to halt classified work at the lab. The action followed a security lapse last week in which two electronic data storage devices turned up missing.

Nanos blamed "cowboys" who are disobeying rules on the handling of sensitive material. "I don't care how many people I have to fire to make it stop," he said.

"If you think the rules are silly, if you think compliance is a joke, please resign now and save me the trouble," he said.

The lab's most recent embarrassment occurred Wednesday, when an intern at the lab suffered

a serious eye injury while working on an experiment involving a laser.

Researchers thought the laser wasn't producing a light when it entered the 20-year-old intern's eyes, causing a retina injury, said lab spokesman Jim Fallon. The intern was to be flown to Baltimore to see a specialist.

"She's in good spirits," Fallon said of the intern. "I'm told that while this injury is considered serious, it's not expected that she'll lose vision in her eye."

Nanos told employees that the labwide stand-down isn't due to a lack of confidence in them, but rather an opportunity to reflect on their responsibilities and make sure they can do their jobs safely and securely.

While lab spokesman Kevin



The Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M., is shown in a 1995 aerial photo. Another security breach prompted Pete Nanos, the lab director, to halt nearly all classified work there on Friday.

Roark acknowledged Friday's decision was extreme, he said. "We know here at the lab that it's the right thing to do."

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham ordered two of his top people to personally oversee the lab inquiry.

Nevada fire declared nearly contained; at least 15 homes lost

By TOM GARDNER
The Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Fire crews began heading home Sunday as an erratic fire that destroyed at least 15 homes and briefly threatened the governor's mansion in the state capital was declared nearly contained.

"They're getting a very good handle on it," fire information officer Mark Struble said Saturday. "If we can hold these lines for another 24 hours, it'll be very, very good."

The wind-driven fire, which blackened nearly 7,600 acres along a 4-mile stretch of the Sierra foothills, was 85 percent contained late Saturday. At one point, it had moved within one-half mile of the governor's mansion.

Fire officials said the blaze could be fully contained by Tuesday with good weather.

Meanwhile, officials broadened their investigation of the fire's cause. They initially said they suspected the blaze was started by teenagers in Kings Canyon the day before the fire erupted Wednesday, but

said Saturday the fire could have started last weekend and smoldered undetected for days.

At its peak, roughly 1,900 firefighters were on the line, assisted by more than 120 engines, 16 bulldozers and 26 aircraft including three large air tankers.

Two tankers were sent home late Friday, and another was to be released Sunday, Struble said. Five helicopters also have returned to their regular stations, and fewer than 1,300 firefighters were battling the blaze, he said.

However, some residents at a town meeting Saturday questioned whether firefighters responded quickly enough to douse the blaze before it grew out of control.

"This atrocity should never have happened," said Berry Kelly, "There was too much waiting and seeing."

Fire officials defended their response, saying firefighters were at the scene within minutes of the fire being reported. They said they would provide a chronicle of the developments.

They blamed erratic winds and lingering drought for fanning the fire after they thought they had it licked.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (July 19)	107.90
S. Korean won (July 19)	1,129.00
Euro	\$1,272.00
British pound	\$1.51
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Canada (Dollar)	\$1.6709
Denmark (Krone)	1.3073
Egypt (Pound)	0.6194
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.2584
Italy (Lira)	\$1,426.50
Norway (Krone)	1.7981
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2228
Thailand (Baht)	1.42871.00
Turkey (Lira)	1,428.571.00

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INTEREST RATES

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Federal funds market rate	2.25
3-month bill	1.34
3-month T-bond	1.12

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK (AP) — A car accident, busted boiler, sudden layoff or unexpected hospital stay can do significant damage to your finances — unless you had the foresight to maintain an emergency fund.

An emergency fund is simply a savings account or other investments set aside solely as a financial safety net. In her new book "Just Give Me The Answers," Sheryl Garrett, a financial adviser and founder of the online financial planning network, said tapping a specific account for emergencies is better than building up credit-card debt or borrowing money. How much you should save depends on your other financial obligations and monthly expenses, the number of dependents you have, the stability of your income, your access to low-cost loans and the state of the economy and job market.

Garrett recommends that you set aside three months' to six months' worth of living expenses when your job is secure and the economy is good. But if the economy is bad (assuming it would

take you longer to find a new job), you should save six months' to a year's worth of expenses.

To calculate how much you should save, divide your annual net income by 12.

Multiply the resulting figure by the number of months for which you have to save.

This should account for all your major monthly expenses, as well as other charges that add up.

Make sure to contribute to your emergency fund regularly. Have the amount automatically deducted from your paycheck. Keep the money in a savings account so that it earns interest. As the fund grows, you may consider moving some of it into a money market account or CD. But don't put it all in a CD — you'll pay a penalty if you need to withdraw money before the certificate of deposit matures.

The only time you shouldn't contribute to your emergency fund is when you have significant outstanding credit-card debts or personal loans. The high interest rates you'll pay on those debts outweighs any interest you'll earn saving with an emergency fund.

Schwarzenegger attacks legislators as 'girly-men'

By PETER NICHOLAS
Los Angeles Times

ONTARIO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger mocked his opponents in the California Legislature on Saturday as "girly-men," and called upon voters to "terminate" them at the polls in November if they don't pass his \$103 billion budget.

Using tough rhetoric that borrowed from his days as a body-builder and a movie actor, the governor said that lawmakers are telling "lies" and are "back to their old habits" after a post-recall burst of bipartisan collaboration.

Legislators, he said at a rally in the food court of the Ontario Mills Mall, are "part of a bureaucracy that is out of shape, that is out of date, that is out of touch and that is definitely out of control in Sacramento."

He also said: "They cannot have the guts to come out there in front of you and say, 'I don't want to rep-

resent you. I want to represent those special interests: the unions, the trial lawyers'... I call them girly-men. They should get back to the table and they should finish the budget."

Democratic lawmakers, gay and lesbian advocates, and feminist groups bristled over the governor's comments, which were greeted with sustained applause by hundreds of people invited to the rally by Schwarzenegger's camp.

The remark is an apparent reference to an old "Saturday Night Live" skit parodying Schwarzenegger. Comedians Dana Carvey and Kevin Nealon played "pumped up" bodybuilders — "Hans" and "Franz" — with thick Austrian accents. Anyone without a muscled torso was dismissed as a "girly-man."

Though the four leaders in the Senate and Assembly are men, women chair some of the Legislature's most influential committees, ranging from appropriations to energy.

"I don't know what the definition of 'girly-man' is. As opposed to his being a he-man?" said Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, a San Francisco Democrat. "I can't think of a way to have the he-man and the girly-men join hands around the Capitol and sing 'Kum Ba Yah.'"



Schwarzenegger

Colleges find eBay lucrative

BY DAN LEWERENZ
The Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Surely, there's someone out there who needs six factory-sealed, 100-pound cans of fryon. Officials at Penn State University just hope that someone is on eBay.

Last year, the university's salvage and surplus department raised more than \$50,000 selling used or unequipped equipment on eBay. As colleges and universities absorb budget cuts, some are turning to the online auction site to get rid of their more unusual, hard-to-price pieces.

"More and more, we're seeing that we're getting more money through eBay than we are through our traditional methods," said Jim Dundlop, director of procurement services for Penn State.

Salvage and surplus operations have long been a part of college life, especially at large, public universities.

But the traditional means of disposing of all that property — campus surplus stores and live auctions — only went so far. After all, once Penn State Public Broadcasting is done with it, who in central Pennsylvania needs a 15-second radio tower?

"We were having live auctions here once a month, and we were flooding the market in our area for what we had available," said Patsy Hendricks, surplus property supervisor at Oregon State University. "We sold pallets of glassware, scientific glassware, for \$10, \$15. We knew there was a better way to do this."

Oregon State was a pioneer in using Internet auction sites to sell



Will Gallaher, manager of Penn State University Salvage and Surplus, talks about a tilting medical chair the university plans to sell on eBay. After selling more than \$50,000 in old equipment on eBay last year, the university plans to expand its eBay sales this year.

some of the university's — and the state's — more unusual items. Hendricks said she first started using auction sites on Amazon.com and eBay, a sales and auction site for scientific equipment, in the late 1990s, switching to eBay about four years ago.

From November 2003 through April 2004, OSU made more than \$70,000 in eBay sales, including nearly \$28,000 for a motor yacht used for whale research. The university currently is trying to sell another boat, an aluminum, diesel-powered jet boat.

It was after a visit to Oregon State that Penn State first began using eBay, said Will Gallaher, manager of Penn State Salvage and Surplus. A Hammond organ here, an ice cream machine there and various and sundry nuts, bolts and gauges generated a decent revenue stream for the university.

But it was a 36-inch diameter globe they sold in September 2001 that convinced Gallaher and Pam Coffman, who handles the university's eBay sales, that eBay was for real.

"Years ago, we'd sell one for

\$300, \$400, \$500, and people usually throw the globe away and put in a piece of glass or something and make a nice table out of it," said Gallaher.

A museum in the Netherlands bought it for \$11,600, he said.

Since then, Penn State has sold three pianos, a Moog synthesizer, a doughnut machine, an ion synthesizer and other assorted oddities on eBay.

Sometimes, they don't even know what they're selling — they only know someone could use it. A tilting chair recovered from Penn State's Milton S. Hershby College of Medicine is described on eBay as "great for a tattoo artist or doctor."

But for all its successes, eBay isn't for every college. Mark Ludwig, manager of Iowa State University Salvage and Surplus, said he doesn't have the personnel to photograph and describe every item for an eBay sale, and that he doesn't have the space to store things while the auction takes place.

A bigger problem for many state universities are laws regulating the disbursement of state property or limiting contracts the state can enter into.

Study: Drug may delay Alzheimer's

BY MALCOLM RITTER
The Associated Press

People with a common memory disorder that often leads to Alzheimer's disease may be able to briefly delay that fate by taking a drug normally prescribed for Alzheimer's, a new study indicates.

But ultimately the drug Aricept doesn't cut the risk of getting the feared illness, despite an average delay of six months.

The lead author of the study, Dr. Ronald Petersen of the Mayo Clinic, said it was too early to make any recommendations for doctors and patients. He called the new results "a foot in the door" to finding more effective treatments.

The same study found no effect from vitamin E, long viewed as a possible weapon against Alzheimer's.

The experiment is the first to show that Alzheimer's can be delayed in people with the memory disorder, mild cognitive impairment, Petersen said. So researchers might be able to find other treatments that will produce more than the "modest" effect of Aricept, he said.

MCI may be at least as common as Alzheimer's, which afflicts some 4 million Americans. Petersen said it might appear in some 18 percent to 20 percent of people older than 65 who do not have Alzheimer's or other dementia. Most of these people go on to develop Alzheimer's, with about 10 percent to 15 percent receiving an Alzheimer's diagnosis each year, Petersen said.

People with MCI are more forgetful than normal for their age. They repeatedly forget important things like luncheon engagements and golfing dates, often enough that friends and family notice the problem. But they don't show other symptoms of Alzheimer's like impaired judgment or reasoning.

The research included 769 MCI patients who took Aricept, vitamin E or a placebo pill daily. Those taking Aricept had a lower risk of developing Alzheimer's than patients on placebo did for the first 18 months of the study, but that difference evaporated in the following 18 months.

The patients on Aricept who ultimately developed Alzheimer's disease took an average of 22 months to do so, about six months longer than patients on a placebo.

Balloon ride turns scary

BY DAVID E. LEIVA
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A balloon ride turned into a scary ordeal for the 20 people Saturday when the aircraft got stuck high above the city, then was tossed around by high wind like a pinata for an hour and a half before rescuers brought it down.

Four people suffered minor injuries in the mishap, which authorities said occurred when wind from an approaching storm caused a wire to fail as it retracted a cable attached to the balloon, authorities said.

"You really needed to hang on," said Kevin Phelps, who was on the balloon with his wife and 6-year-old daughter. "I thought the cable was going to break many times."

Phelps said everyone on the balloon was relatively calm as it swayed wildly from side to side.

The balloon was stuck 350 feet in the air near Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Rescuers were able to get the winch to work slowly to bring the balloon down.

The giant, helium-filled, tethered balloon offers visitors a panoramic view of Baltimore and can accommodate as many as 30 passengers. It is based at Port Discovery, a children's museum, and operated by Balloon Over Baltimore Inc., a nonprofit group.

Alan Leberknight, president of the Board of Balloon Over Baltimore, said the aircraft had operated every summer since 2001 without incident.

He said the wind gusts caught operators by surprise. Operators had been tracking a storm coming from the south, but "other than that, nothing. It was a nice day," Leberknight said.

The balloon will be grounded until federal, state and city officials investigate the incident, Leberknight said.

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NBC's donates \$100,000 to film school

NBC, which is shooting its new police drama "Hawaii" on the islands, has donated more than \$100,000 of new and used sound equipment to the University of Hawaii's film school in Honolulu.

Film school chairman **Chris Lee** said the list of equipment, much of which comes from "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," fills 10 pages.

"I have to admit that I got giddy when I saw it," said Lee, a former president of production for TriStar Pictures and Columbia Pictures.

The film school currently uses laptops and small Sony video cameras, he said.

Bennett plugs online charter schools

William Bennett, the former education secretary and family-values advocate, is pushing Internet-based schooling.

Bennett, who has kept a low profile since admitting last year to being a high-stakes gambler, was in **Santa Rosa, Calif.**, on Friday to plug the online charter schools for home-schooled students. The for-profit company Bennett chairs is providing the curriculum for the California Virtual Academy of Sonoma, a publicly financed charter school that will begin online instruction this fall.

Bennett's five-year-old company, K12, says this year it will help teach an estimated 18,000 students in 11 states, including about 1,200 in California.

Dr. Laura on the move

Dr. Laura Schlessinger has withdrawn her application to lease a Stearns Wharf office in **Santa Barbara, Calif.**, where she planned to broadcast her nationally syndicated radio talk show.

Schlessinger, who owns a sailboat in Santa Barbara Harbor, had expressed interest in leasing a 250-square-foot office space used by a city wharf maintenance supervisor.

However, city officials had debated whether that would be legal in an area that is zoned for businesses that are "ocean-oriented, visitor-serving and ocean-dependent and ocean-related uses."



Schlessinger

From shock jock to sheriff?

An out-of-work shock jock is seeking a new job — sheriff.

Bubba the Love Sponge Clem, who was fired by radio giant Clear Channel Communications in February after it decided his raunchy radio show didn't fit its standards, will be the lone Democrat on the ballot for **Pineblas County, Fla.**, sheriff.

His name will appear on the ballot as "Bubba Clem." His given name was **Todd Clem** before it was legally changed to reflect his on-air moniker.

Clem will face either Chief Deputy **Jim Coats** or retired Ohio sheriff's deputy **Tim Glassburner** in November and Glassburner are vying for the Republican spot on the ballot.

Clem's sexually explicit morning show, which aired on stations in **Callahan, Clearwater, Port Charlotte** and **Palm Beach**, prompted a \$55,000 fine from the Federal Communications Commission earlier this year.

Close call for Prince Charles

A Royal Air Force plane carrying **Prince Charles** was involved in a "near miss" incident with a passenger jet earlier this year, air traffic controllers said Friday in **London**.

The National Air Traffic Service said neither plane had been in danger when the prince's jet neared the flight path of a Heathrow-bound Airbus A321 over southern England on March 24.

The service said both pilots filed an "air proximity report" after the incident, which occurred at about 11,500 feet.

It said an air traffic controller had acted quickly to correct the problem, and that the planes had remained 3.1 nautical miles apart horizontally and 900 feet apart vertically.

It said the Independent UK Airprox (air proximity) Board was investigating whether there had been a risk of collision.

"At no point was the safety of either aircraft compromised in NATS' view," the service said in a statement.

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AP photos

George Clooney, left, signs autographs as he answers media questions in downtown **Milan, Italy**, in this 2001 file photo. Clooney, a resident of **Laglio, Italy**, has developed a favorable reputation in the northern Italian town.

Laglio's favorite son

Actor George Clooney develops reputation as neighborhood good guy in northern Italian town

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO

The Associated Press

George Clooney shoots baskets with the local kids, carries grandmothers' groceries uphill and works hard on pronouncing *buon giorno*.

He has international stardom and rascally good looks, but in this hamlet where Clooney owns an 18th-century mansion with a private dock on **Lake Como**, the star is simply *bravo* — Italian for "a good person."

Sure, the fans pitching tents outside **Villa Oleandra** are a nuisance, but locals say they don't mind the extra business their celebrity neighbor has generated since he bought the mansion two years ago.

"He's good and kind with everyone. All you have to do is not intrude on him," said **Giordano Saibene**, sunning himself on a narrow stone ledge with a view of the pine-shaded villa.

Intruding may include snapping photos — Saibene said Clooney's bodyguards once threw apples at a fan who was trying to take a picture of the villa.

Star-watching was at a fever pitch recently in **Laglio**, as fans searched for a glimpse not only of Clooney, but his co-stars in "Ocean's Twelve," which was wrapping up filming in Italy. **Brad Pitt**, **Catherine Zeta-Jones**, **Julia Roberts** and **Matt Damon** are in the sequel to 2001's "Ocean's Eleven," which is a remake of the 1960 **Frank Sinatra** movie.

"Everyone was outside the villa. Old ladies and entire families. There were even those who slept in their car. It was a pilgrimage," said **Nearco Folloni**, owner of **Laglio's** **Lanterna** bar.

Pitt liked to tool around in a rented motorboat, said **Daniela Riva**, whose family boatyard provided it. **Riva** said local authorities asked that boats not be rented "to the curi-

ous" who might disturb the stars at play. The **Rivas**, who have built boats for five generations for the rich who summer in **Laglio**, obliged.

Mariuccia Riva, **Daniele's** mother, said she first came across Clooney when he had locked himself out of the villa. Since then, he always tells her good morning.

"He says it like this, 'Buon giorno, signora,'" **Mariuccia Riva** said, opening her mouth wide and rolling the vowels in an exaggerated imitation of Clooney's efforts to pronounce Italian.

Clooney is known for hopping into the boat with a white convertible top that he keeps at his dock, zipping guests across the lake to dine in other towns.

A **Como** newspaper published an appeal by **Laglio's** Catholic pastor, pleading to fans to leave Clooney in peace, saying **Laglio's** "tranquility" is its main selling point.

But **Folloni** contended celebrity is good for business: "Before, **Laglio** wasn't on the map. Now it is and we like that." Townspeople say they have an easy relationship with Clooney.

"Maybe because none of us ever bothered him, he would invite us" to join him on a public basketball court, said **Saibene**.

Clooney would pedal the few miles to the court on his mountain bike, a basketball in his backpack.

The actor was cycling one morning when he saw **Saibene's** 75-year-old grandmother trudging home with bags of milk, bread and other groceries and carried them for her.

"This man in a cap and dark glasses stopped and asked if he could help. She thought he was an American tourist," **Saibene** said.

"She doesn't watch TV because she's in bed by 8 o'clock. She has hens and chicks to tend to."



A lakeside view of **George Clooney's** villa **Oleandra** in **Laglio** on **Lake Como** in northern Italy. Clooney's 18th-century mansion has a private dock on **Lake Como**.

OPINION

U.S. should leave Iraq from the inside out ...

WASHINGTON Well, it's a fine old mess they've gotten us into.

President Bush says he was right to invade Iraq even if none of the reasons for going turned out to be true — and what we need to do is “stay the course.” Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld says, “It’s quite clear to me that we do not have a coherent approach to this (the war against terrorism).”

Our president says that the country is much safer today because of his decisions. Our secretary of homeland security says that

we need to be on the alert for a big al-Qaida terrorist attack inside the United States any day now.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have taken the lives of nearly 1,000 American soldiers and Marines to date. They threaten to break utterly our Army and Marine Corps, not to mention the misused and overworked Reserve and National Guard units.

Retired Navy Capt. John Byron, in the July issue of *Proceedings of the Naval Institute*, writes: “The war in Iraq is wrecking the Army and the Marine Corps. Troop rotations are in shambles and the all-volunteer force is starting to crumble as we extend combat tours and struggle to get enough boots on the ground.”

“We have broken our social contract

with the members of the National Guard and the reserve forces, mistaking them as substitutes for active forces in an open-ended operation in Iraq that is well short of national emergency. These backup forces are demoralized and headed for the door.”

This administration cannot admit that mistakes have been made. Not even one mistake. If they do the whole house of cards might tumble.

But if you won't admit a mistake, how do you go about correcting it? When you find you're in a hole, stop digging.

So here is a modest proposal to begin improving our situation in Iraq: We will withdraw our forces to desert enclaves along the Iraqi borders with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and Turkey. Since the Iraqis don't want us patrolling their streets, we won't. We will hand over that duty to the newly sovereign Iraqi government and its police, militia and army.

By building our camps in the vicinity of borders with friendly nations we will greatly shorten our supply lines and remove them from Iraq's roads. There will be no American trucks on the highways to be blown up, burned and looted.

We will guarantee Iraq's security from external threat. It will be up to the Iraqis whether they now build for themselves a new, peaceful country.

Our military camps should have a 20-mile clear field of fire all around and signs in eight languages warning that all who trespass face imminent death. This should allow us to begin reducing the 140,000 soldiers and Marines now tied down securing and policing Iraq and its cit-



ies and towns and highways.

A division each — 15,000 troops — in three enclaves, north, south and central, should be enough to maintain the presence. Two Army divisions, one Marine, all of them active-duty. That will free the National Guard and Reserves, who now make up nearly half the force, to go home and resume their normal lives.

All matters of contracting for rebuilding and rehabilitating basic services in Iraq would then be handled by the Iraqi government, using their oil revenues. No American contract employees would remain in

Iraq, except for those working for the American military inside the three American enclaves.

That would mean no Americans available for kidnapping or brutal television execution.

There would then be two standard answers for almost any question about a problem in Iraq:

■ It's not our problem.

■ It's not our business.

How's that for a way out of the mess?

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... even though this Marine sees some signs of hope

BY STEVE DANYLUK

CENTRAL SOUTH AREA
OF OPERATIONS, Iraq

I'm serving outside the Iraqi town of Hilla, in the central South, with a small detachment of U.S. Marines. A couple of days ago we drove up to Baghdad on the main supply route, “MSR Tampa” — basically a six-lane highway. Since April it's been closed to civilian traffic because a half-dozen bridges were blown up along the route. Driving on it you feel as if you're a cast member in a remake of “Mad Max.” — Where are all the people?

On the way we came across a semi-trailer that about 50 Iraqis were in the process of looting. As they saw us approach they scattered. I told the sergeant driving me that by the time we drove by later in the day the semi would be nothing more than a shell. I'd seen this often.

Four hours later we drove by and the site was secured by the Iraqi National Guard, no looters were in sight. Apparently the guard was even involved in a firefight protecting the property. Maybe the Iraqis are getting fed up with the lawlessness and the anarchy and are beginning to take matters into their own hands. Still, it will take time. Some units in the guard are good, some not so good.

Standardization is a problem across the board, but the biggest obstacle to overcome will be that of the traumatized mind-set of the Iraqi people.

For 30 years Iraqis were brutalized by a tyrant. The collective psyche of the Iraqi people is akin to that of a battered wife whose oppressor has finally been removed from the household. They're far better off with the batterer gone, but they're scared, confused and lacking the confidence to go it on their own just yet. It will take continuous mentoring, counseling and a lot of



A U.S. servicemember stands guard on a highway in Baghdad on July 10 as Iraqi National Guard members climb aboard a transport truck.

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time. Our Marines are doing these things with great skill and patience. The sooner we fix it the sooner we can come home.

I've become friends with a lieutenant colonel in the Iraqi National Guard here.

Real bright guy, speaks good English, lived in Europe for five years. He makes \$250 a month, doesn't own a car, rides a bus for two hours to get to work and lives in constant fear that his family will be targeted

because he is in the guard. “Why do you do it,” I asked him, knowing he could make five times that amount as a translator or a contractor here on the base. His response was that doing nothing is not an option. If you ask me, guys like him are the true heroes over here. “Is there hope for this place?” I asked.

“No, there is no hope,” he responded sarcastically. Again, “Why do you do it,” and again the answer: You can't just do nothing.

Our Marines are getting so much support from back home and so many “care packages” that I've decided to start asking people to send those packages instead to my Iraqi friend, packages that he can then hand out and distribute to his troops and their families. We have so much, and they have so little.

Steve Danyluk is a major in the U.S. Marine Corps. This column first appeared in *The Washington Post*.

Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Canine crook

VA McLEAN — The cops caught the crook red-pawed.

An elderly woman complained to police that someone was stealing figurines from her yard in a Washington, D.C., suburb. Officers set up a spycam and caught their suspect in the act four times.

Police in Fairfax County say their bad guy is really a not-so-bad Labrador retriever named Magnum. The dog had been retrieving the figurines and bringing them home.

Police say Magnum's owner tried to find where the lawn ornaments were coming from, but failed. Now, all but two of the figurines have been returned — and those involved had a good laugh.

Ring, owner reunited

VT BURLINGTON — A 1937 Burlington High School class ring will be reunited with its owner's family.

Beverly Mae Lord apparently lost it in the 1940s in her back yard, where the ring was found earlier this year by the current owner who dug it up while gardening. Dori Weigand said she believed the owner must have been a woman because the tiny ring hardly fit on her pinkie finger. The initials "BML" offered the only clue. Weigand called The Burlington Free Press where an investigation using an old BHS yearbook, a marriage record, an online Social Security database and old issues of the newspaper led to the identity of the ring owner and her children.

Weigand said she would arrange a meeting with Rosario so she can return the ring to its rightful owner.

17 hurt in van accident

TX GRAND SALINE — Seventeen people were taken to hospitals in Grand Saline and Tyler on Friday after a church van overturned on an East Texas highway.

The accident happened on U.S. 80, about 15 miles northwest of Tyler, said Bonnie Willingham, a Texas Department of Public Safety dispatcher.

There was no word on the conditions of the 17, but none were airlifted, Willingham said.

The van apparently belonged to the Harvest Baptist Church in Mincola, she said.

There was no immediate word on what caused the accident, but investigators said only the van was involved, Willingham said.

Fox caught with papers

KS OTTAWA — Neighbors in a subdivision in this small eastern Kansas community have been out of the loop for weeks. Some sly fox had been stealing their Kansas City Star newspapers.

The bold burglar crept onto driveways while subscribers slept, grabbed a paper and ran.

The case was finally cracked recently when Steve Thompson caught the culprit: a red fox.

The fox had been taking the papers in a hollow behind the subdivision, Thompson said. He tracked the furry felon to a large pile of newspapers near its den.

"We always thought it was an

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

early morning jogger," said Lionel Sutton, another subdivision resident.

The newspaper carrier even staked out the neighborhood to catch the canny criminal, Sutton said.

Aaron Scheve, a Kansas Wildlife and Parks ranger for the area, said such behavior is unusual, but not out of the ordinary. He said the fox probably used the papers to insulate its den.

Incensed over a nickel

WA EAST WENATCHEE — Sandy Bryan gave the state her two cents worth over the five cents they claim she owes.

When the Washington state Department of Employment Security notified her that she owed money for an unemployment compensation overpayment more than six years ago, she picked up the phone.

She was being threatened with court action over a nickel.

Bryan said she asked the state employee who took her call on a toll-free line whether she should mail in a nickel taped to a piece of paper.

"I said, 'Do you realize for this nickel, you paid an employee to type this ... [spent] 37 cents for postage, and you want me to pay for a money order and the postage?'" she said.

The response was that the money had to be paid properly, she said.



New dam dedicated

Officials sign documents on a boat in the lock at Montgomery Point Lock and Dam near Yancopin, Ark., during a dedication for the facility near the mouth of the Arkansas River.

Bryan said she was overpaid when she was on unemployment for about three months more than six years ago but thought she had paid it all back.

That was until she got a notice dated June 18 that demanded payment of five cents, after which "the Superior Court warrant will be satisfied immediately."

Employment Security spokeswoman Kristin Alexander said the overpayment notices are sent to about 70,000 people a month with the average amount about \$1,000.

State appealing decision

MD HAGERSTOWN — The state is appealing a decision to reinstate a corrections officer who was fired when her nude photos appeared on the Internet.

An administrative law judge previously ruled that the First Amendment rights of Marcie Betts, 22, outweighed the impact the images might have on the state's ability to safely and efficiently run its prisons.

No more public access?

IN EAST CHICAGO — The city council is taking steps to eliminate the public access channel from the city's cable TV system, a move that critics say would mute programs critical of the city government.

Officials said the city wasn't trying to quiet opposition and that shows can get on cable by paying a license agreement.

Economy strengthening

SC COLUMBIA — The state added 5,600 new jobs in June, the Employment Security Commission said. About 3,000 service jobs and 3,400 leisure and hospitality jobs were added. South Carolina lost 5,700 local government jobs, mostly because of the end of the school year. While the job growth was small, the commission said it shows the state's economy is slowly growing stronger.

Taxes may go for buses

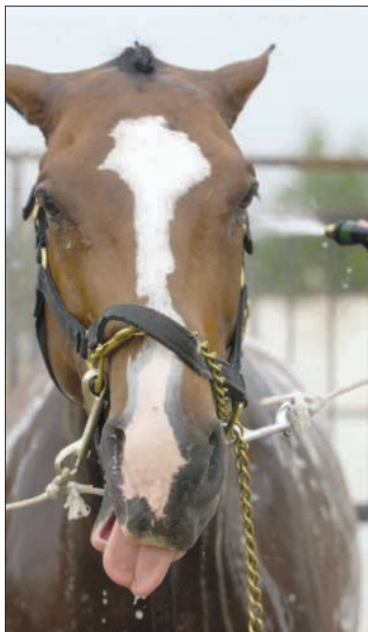
OR BEND — Voters could be asked in November to increase their property taxes to fund a local bus system. The fast-growing city is currently one of the largest cities west of the Mississippi with no fixed-route bus system. Voters will be asked for a property tax increase of about 19 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to fund a bus system.

City officials enter pleas

HI HONOLULU — A city wastewater official has pleaded innocent to theft and bribery charges for allegedly ordering city workers to do work at a private residence on city time and using city resources.

Harry Hauck III and Jay Gonzales were indicted for an incident between July and August 2001. Both are supervisors at the Kaliua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Hauck pleaded not guilty. Several employees from the Kaliua plant filed a lawsuit in June 2002 against Hauck, Gonzales and other wastewater officials over alleged abuses of overtime and city sources.



It feels so good! Lucky is rinsed off by Jemma Watson (not shown) of West Bloomfield, Mich., at a Horseshows by the Bay's horse show in Traverse City, Mich. The competitions started on July 14 and will continue Wednesdays through Sundays until Aug. 1.



Fun at Homecoming Makenzie Reinhart plays on a mid-way ride during the annual Wauselon Homecoming in Wauselon, Ohio.



Shadow soccer Jesse Green, 15, works on his ball-handling skills with his friend Stephen Dixon (not shown). Jesse and Stephen are rising freshmen at Duluth High School in Duluth, Ga., and plan to try out for the school's soccer team.



Surfer memorial A memorial is held at Pelican Beach Park in Satellite Beach, Fla., for Courtney Marcher, who disappeared while surfing in Hawaii. Surfer friends of Marcher, 22, paddled out for the conclusion of the service with the laying of a wreath.



Gearing up for competition Dason Maloney, 9, of Tupelo, Miss., practices his slalom run at a private ski lake in Lee County, Miss. Dason is preparing for the state ski competition in Brandon, Miss. Dason will compete in both the regional and national ski competitions later this year.

Robbery face off

OK ARDMORE — Gene McMahon put the hammer down on a would-be robber. The 68-year-old McMahon was behind the counter at Taylor's Liquor Store when he saw a man walk into the nearby Boy's Food Store and point a weapon at the clerk.

He grabbed his claw hammer, locked the liquor store and went next door to confront the robber.

He said the man threatened to shoot him, a fight ensued and both lost their weapons. The money was dropped and the robber ran away.

Christopher Ray Smith, 22, was arrested by police in connection with the robbery.

Police Lt. Rickey D. Lawrence said McMahon's crime-fighting behavior is not encouraged.

"There are times when things don't go right," Lawrence said.

Portable toilet blows up

WV BLACKSVILLE — A man smoking in a portable toilet lit up more than a cigarette.

The potty exploded when a build-up of methane gas mixed with the lit cigarette, said a spokeswoman for Monongalia Emergency Medical Services. The methane didn't "take too kindly" to the lit cigarette, she said.

Emergency workers said the man was not severely injured and drove himself to the hospital after the stinky, smoky mess.

Court finds for school

RI PROVIDENCE — The state Supreme Court said a Catholic school can demand that a student cut his long locks, reversing a lower court ruling. Russell Gorman III filed a lawsuit nearly two years ago after he was expelled from St. Raphael Academy. The court said St. Raphael, as a private school, was allowed to devise and enforce its own rules, as long as they don't contradict public policy.

State files against agent

MO ST. LOUIS — The state attorney general brought a lawsuit against travel agent Tina Marie Flenoy for allegedly selling trips to Cancun to a high school reunion committee, then failing to provide the trips. Attorney General Jay Nixon obtained a temporary restraining order prohibiting Flenoy from operating as a travel agent and will seek full restitution and penalties.

Man charged

TX BROWNWOOD — A man who claimed last year that he was bitten by a rattlesnake in a Wal-Mart in Brownwood was arrested Thursday on charges of filing a false report.

Douglas Wayne Hatchett Jr., 32, of Bangs was arrested by Brown County sheriff's deputies. He was released on \$2,500 bond.

Hatchett's girlfriend, 32-year-old Michelle Beam, surrendered to authorities later in the day and also was released on \$2,500 bond.

The two were named earlier in the week in a complaint that alleges they falsely reported an emergency and compromised the safety

of others by using emergency services.

Hatchett was treated with anti-venom at a hospital in September after he said he was bitten by a rattlesnake in the Wal-Mart shoe department.

If found guilty, they could face up to a year in the Brown County Jail.

Women facing charges

VT MONTPELIER — Two women will likely face charges of hate crimes for allegedly vandalizing downtown buildings, including drawing swastikas on them.

Authorities arrested Sarah Abair, 22, and Tonya Richards, 17.

The vandalism also included derogatory comments about a Jewish Montpelier police officer, said Police Chief Douglas Hoyt.

Hoyt said the two women were caught in the act by Montpelier police. The chalk images were photographed and later washed clean.

Cities' airports compete

IL CHICAGO — Chicago and Atlanta are on track to compete again this year for having the world's busiest airport.

O'Hare International Airport handled nearly a half-million flights in the first half of the year, more than any other U.S. airport, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

But Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is on pace to handle the most passengers this year, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The two cities have run neck-and-neck in recent years to claim the title. But it's a game of definitions and numbers on which even the experts don't agree.

O'Hare had 490,987 takeoffs and landings in the first six months of the year, the FAA said. Hartsfield had 481,390 flights. The O'Hare data surpassed the 2003 midyear totals by 39,813 flights, the FAA said.

From January through April — the latest data available — Hartsfield handled 12 million originating passengers, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. O'Hare was second with 9.4 million boardings.

Prison in lockdown

NV INDIAN SPRINGS — High Desert State Prison is in lockdown, two days after an inmate was fatally injured and 18 others were hurt in a rock-throwing melee in an outdoor recreation yard.

Guards fired shotgun pellets toward the crowd of at least 60 medium-security inmates during Tuesday's riot, which lasted 20 minutes. Four inmates were taken to hospitals.

Degree policy changed

MS JACKSON — The Mississippi College Board approved a plan to allow students to take fewer hours to earn a bachelor's degree. The average number of hours required would go from 131 to 124. The board's academic affairs committee recommended the change.

The new policy will take effect for all undergraduate students first enrolled in the fall 2007 semester and afterward.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

The Virgo moon could inspire a spat or two as the Cancer sun has us bristling with sensitivity. The problem is, we think we know what's best for others, and we probably do, but nobody wants to hear it. Make the most of this transit by focusing on your own improvements. Try not to let the details get in the way of creating a beautiful big picture.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(July 20). Community and social power are featured for you this year! The next three weeks bring change — out ties, and meet plenty of new people. Career opportunities may exceed financially, but you move quickly. In September, you're lucky on many levels. The more you give, the more you get. Look for romance with a sweet Sagittarius or popular Libra.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). See if you can ban a scarcity mentality. If, not forever, at least for today. There is plenty to go around — plenty of love, money, fulfillment and everything you need to survive.

Do only activities that reinforce this idea.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stir up trouble of the most mischievous and immature kind — it's enjoyable to act like a kid! Getting down to business is near impossible now. Don't force yourself, as it's pointless. The mind has many ways of working things out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A paradox: Give a little selfish will allow you to give more. By making your own happiness a higher priority, you handle problems. Work on your selfish self is never a waste, so allow yourself time for the gym.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The theme is illusion vs. reality. You realize to what extent you are manipulating the way others see you — you show what you'd like them to see. Though you're keeping some things private, you'd be surprised what others sense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Stories have purpose. If you can move people emotionally, you can get them to do almost anything. But don't try to influence through reason.

No matter how logical a decision, if it doesn't feel right, it won't happen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Work picks up, and slow progress toward a goal continues. You must follow through on a million details in order to set up the meetings, dates and powwows you need to push your whole team to the next level.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Shake off any heaviness you feel. The more carefree you can be, the better. Try being your own best friend. You are capable of this! It means taking your concerns seriously and actively seeking ways to make your own life easier.

or.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't be seduced into believing that going somewhere new will give you a clean start. The real truth is that you don't have to go anywhere! Desire is all you need to get that new project or relationship off the ground.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're an excellent team builder — you're the one who finds a common ground that everyone can agree upon.

However, make sure your cause is truly going to benefit everyone involved. If it's practical, you'll find support.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your nurturing spirit comes forward, not to smother loved ones but to urge them toward the edge of the nest and even give a push if necessary. You're teaching loved ones to fly.

Home offers creative opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Take the extra time to go over your day in advance. Being prepared will help you relax. Though you are certainly a thinking, conscious individual, you're prone to emotional impulses today.

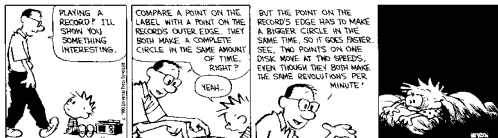
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). From the minute you open your eyes in the morning until you close them for sleep at night, everything in between is a chance for you either to build or diminish your character. Make choices you will be proud of later.

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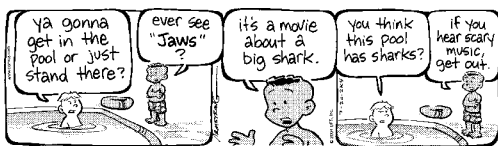
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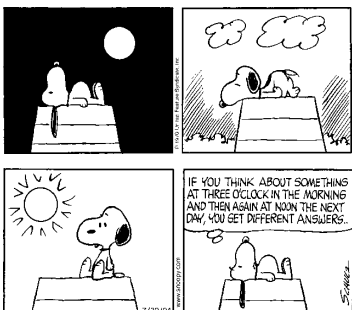
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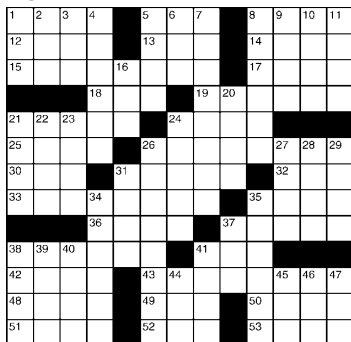
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 17 New Mexico art colony
- 18 Go up and down
- 19 Edmonton team
- 21 Bear
- 24 Salad ingredient
- 25 Dryer collection rim
- 26 1983 Streep
- 30 Calendar abbr.
- 31 Anatomical hinges
- 32 Pair
- 33 Newman's longtime mate
- 35 Egg container
- 36 Gallery supply
- 37 Uses an atomizer
- 38 Big carnival site
- 41 Cartoons
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- 43 Callahan portrayer
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE NUCLEAR REACTOR IS OVERHEATING. I GUESS SOMEONE MUST HAVE A CORE TO SETTLE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals S

Stalking is a serious problem

Dear Abby: My family is dealing with a concern similar to "Trapped in Louisville." My teenage son is dating a lovely girl who attends a neighboring high school. She is being harassed by a boy who attends her school, rides her bus and lives in her neighborhood. I'll call him "Wilby."

Wilby has refused to honor repeated requests by the young lady to leave her alone. He makes unwanted advances toward her at school, follows her home and trespasses on her property.

The young lady's mother is not around during the daytime, due to her career. Her father is away defending our country. If my son becomes involved, I'm afraid there could be violence. I don't know what to do.

There are no witnesses willing to get involved. How do we get solid proof so Wilby will stop harassing her? Who can we tell so that this will stop? We don't

want to make this problem worse than it already is. Wilby has threatened retribution if he gets into trouble over this.

— **Deeply Concerned in Lawrenceville, Ga.**

Dear Concerned: It is time for the young lady's mother to pick up the phone and inform the police that her daughter is being stalked and threatened. Read on:

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I read the letter from "Trapped in Louisville" with mounting alarm and a horrible sense of déjà vu.

I am a university professor in a small coastal town. Our university is still in shock from the kidnapping, beating, rape and murder of a sophomore student in her dormitory. The student who admitted to the crime had been pestering the girl for dates, despite repeated rejections.

During the police investiga-

tion, the girl's father said, "There was a boy who was stalking her, but we thought that had gone by the wayside."

I disagree with your advice that "Trapped" should speak up to her stalker or have her parents call him. They should go straight to law enforcement NOW.

— **Concerned Educator, University of North Carolina**

Dear Concerned: I stand corrected. My deepest sympathy goes to the family of that unfortunate woman.

There are laws against stalking in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. There are also laws against stalking at the federal level. Stalking is abusive, antisocial, sick behavior. It is not a compliment to the victim, and it is not benign. Stalkers are addicts, and the substance to which they are addicted is their prey. That is why stalkers should be considered dangerous and the police should be notified when stalking occurs.

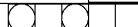
Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69480, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uegpress.com/dearabby>

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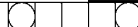
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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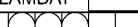
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Answer: A



THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arington
The 800/900 nos. have been DISCONTINUED.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the prize answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: OZONE GRESS AUTUMN BELFRY

Yesterday's Jumbles: What the sailors ended up with when the ship ran aground — A SEA OF TROUBLE

Prepare autistic child for rudeness

Dear Annie: We have a 4-year-old autistic son, although there is nothing about his physical appearance to indicate he suffers from a developmental disability.

Our son is unable to speak and has social problems, including occasional yelling, hitting us if he hears another child cry, and throwing himself on the floor if he doesn't want to go where we need to take him.

The problem is that perfect strangers feel comfortable saying things like, "What a horrible little boy!" or, "Why don't you spank him?" "Make him be quiet!" and "What lousy parenting skills!" One woman got right in my son's face and yelled, "Bad, bad boy!"

We are doing the best we can, and through special-ed preschool and private therapy sessions, my son has made huge improvements.

We have tried explaining to these people that our son is autistic,

Annie's Mailbox



tic, but we are annoyed that they are so quick to judge us. We fear our son is in for a lifetime of ridicule. How should we handle this?

— **Frustrated Parents in Illinois**

Dear Frustrated: It's unfortunate you cannot stop complete strangers from being rude. And you do not owe them an explanation for your son's behavior,

although it must be tempting to shame them with the truth.

Instead, concentrate on your son's response, because he is the one who must learn to deal with such unkind remarks. He will need your unconditional love and support to strengthen his self-worth, and tactics for ignoring unwarranted insults. You can find suggestions and help by contacting the Autism Society of America (www.autism-society.org), 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 300, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Dear Annie: My friend and I

have been having an argument, and we'd like your opinion. If a man offers to buy a woman a drink at a bar and the woman accepts, is she sending him a message that she is interested in him? I believe that the woman should not accept a drink unless she wants to chat, because otherwise, she is taking advantage of him. My girlfriend, however, will accept a drink from any man who offers, thank him and promptly walk away. I think this is wrong. What do you think?

— **Party Girl in Ft. Wayne, Ind.**

Dear Party Girl: We think your friend is going to get into trouble one of these days. Accepting a man's offer for a drink most definitely gives the impression that you'd like to get to know him better. Your friend should not accept drinks from men she has no interest in. It is unfair, deceitful and potentially dangerous.

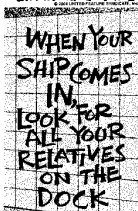
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"I'd feel better if we had four leashes."

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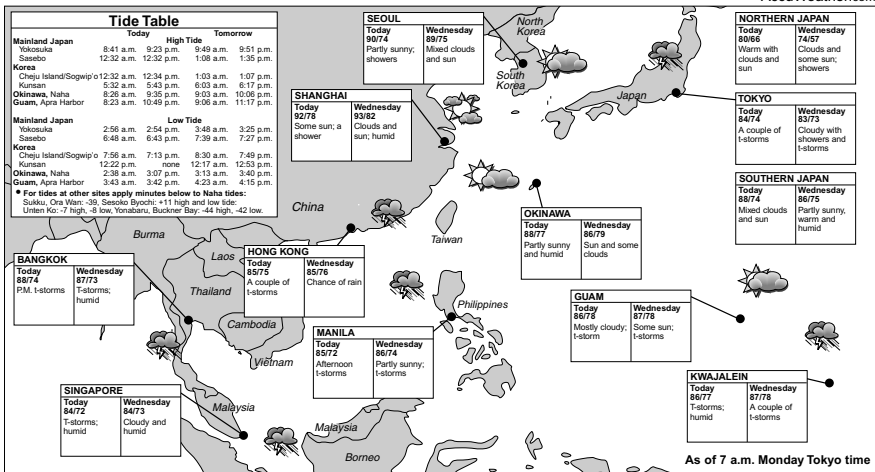
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 81, low 70.
 Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 80, low 72.

KADENA

Thursday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 78.
 Friday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 80.

SEOUL

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 91, low 76.
 Friday: Thunderstorms, high 91, low 74.

MANILA

Thursday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 73.
 Friday: Thunderstorms, high 86, low 74.

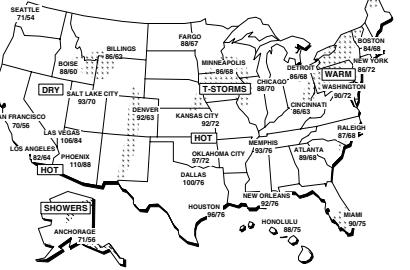
HAGATNA

Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 78.
 Friday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 79.

Sunday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	93/70	Los Angeles	91/67
Amarillo	88/64	Little Rock	89/67
Anchorage	69/56	Louisville	80/64
Ashville	62/60	Miami	93/76
Baltimore	79/66	Milwaukee	75/62
Birmingham	89/65	Nashville	87/64
Bismarck	98/66	New York	80/68
Boise	96/69	Omaha	85/67
Boston	78/65	Orlando	87/75
Brownsville	98/76	Philadelphia	78/68
Buffalo	76/61	Phoenix	108/89
Burlington	82/63	Pittsburgh	75/62
Charleston, SC	88/72	Portland, OR	84/65
Charlotte	84/65	Portland, ME	78/64
Cleveland	76/60	Salt Lake City	88/69
Columbus, OH	77/62	St. Louis	84/67
Duluth	79/60	San Antonio	97/75
El Paso	101/73	San Diego	80/69
Hartford	83/66	San Juan	90/67
Helena	89/64	Tampa	84/78
Indianapolis	80/61	Tulsa	90/68
Jacksonville	86/72	Washington	78/68
Kansas City	85/67	Wichita	92/69

Tuesday, July 20



U.S. Extended Forecast

An upper-level low moving through the Northeast will help trigger a few showers across the region Tuesday. A storm system moving through central Canada will cause a few showers over the northern Plains. Afternoon showers and thunderstorms will develop across the Rockies. Drier weather will overspread the East Wednesday as a large ridge of high pressure begins to build. Showers and a few thunderstorms will move into the Great Lakes. A shower or thunderstorm is possible in the southern Plains. A few thunderstorms will develop across the southern Rockies, though much of the region will be dry.

Tuesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	88/74	Iwakuni	89/77
Beijing	86/70	Kadena AB	88/77
Camp Casey	87/74	Kunsan AB	85/74
Christchurch	45/32	Kwajalein	86/77
Diego Garcia	82/73	Manila	85/72
Hagatna	86/78	Misawa AB	81/67
Hanoi	88/75	Osan	87/75
Hong Kong	85/75	Perth	63/47
Honolulu	88/75	Pusan	84/75

Tuesday's World Temperatures

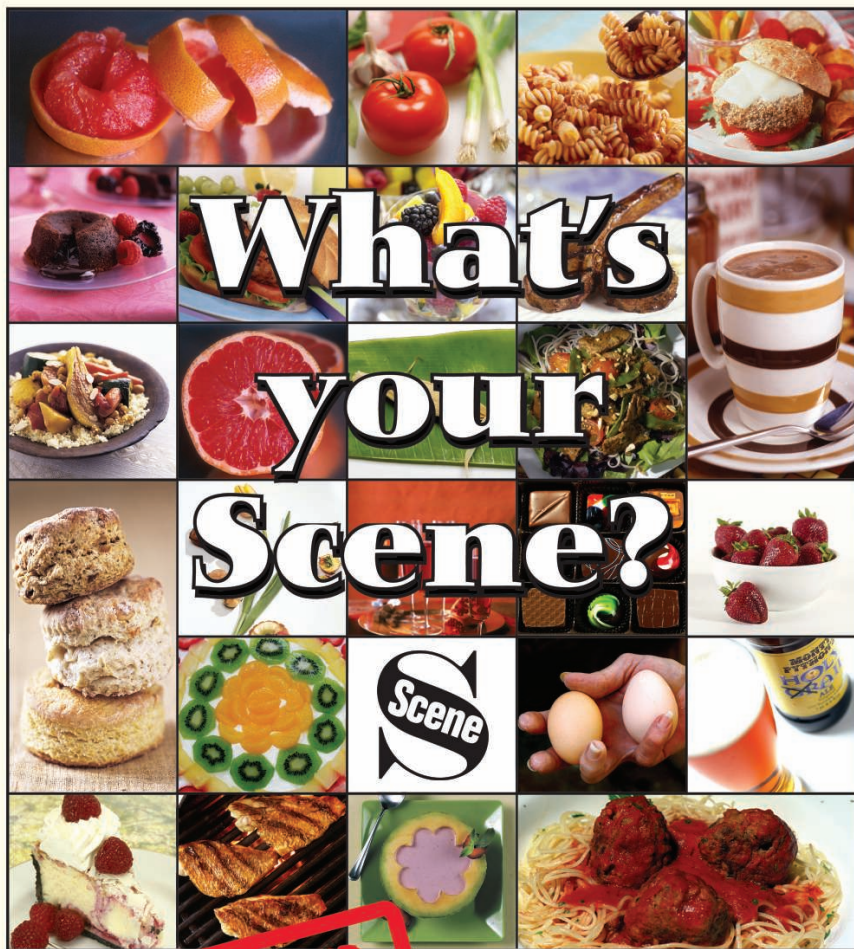
CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Alcapulco	91/74	Buenos Aires	59/46	Kiev	79/50
Athens	88/70	Cairo	98/68	Kuwait	112/81
Auckland	53/41	Cancun	85/73	London	68/50
Baghdad	113/77	Cape Town	70/48	Madrid	91/68
Barbados	85/70	Geneva	76/61	Mexico City	76/52
Barcelona	78/65	Istanbul	81/64	Montreal	79/67
Berlin	77/61	Jerusalem	91/66	Mogadishu	84/72
Bermuda	87/75	Johannesburg	65/41	Moscow	75/56
Brussels	69/52			Warsaw	82/66



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Dream: Major disappointment for Els

DREAM, FROM BACK PAGE

Hamilton crossed with a 2-under 69 to become the sixth consecutive American to win the Open at Royal Troon.

They finished at 10-under 274, one shot ahead of Mickelson.

Hamilton, who finally got his PGA Tour card in December, earned about \$1.35 million and is exempt for the next five years in the three U.S. majors and the PGA Tour. He can play the British Open until he's 65.

Mickelson looked like a winner when he saved par with an 18-foot putt at No. 9 and a 15-footer at No. 10, putting him in the outright lead for the first time. But he missed a 4-foot par putt on the 13th hole, ending his streak of 49 consecutive holes without a bogey at Royal Troon.

Ultimately, it cost him a chance to win his second major.

Despite a birdie on the par-16th, Lefty didn't give himself a good look at birdie on the final hole and had to settle for third place. Mickelson has gone 1-2-3 in the majors this year after his first top-10 finish in a British Open.

"The guys behind me were making the birdies, and I wasn't," Mickelson said. "I was just playing for pars and thought shooting even par was going to be good enough."

Lee Westwood of England birdied two of the last three holes for a 67 to finish fourth, his best ever in the Open. Loe holed a 6-iron from 192 yards on the 18th hole for eagle to shoot 67 and tie for fifth. The Irish had a chance to get within one shot of the lead, but he missed a 6-foot birdie putt on No. 7 and was never the same. He dropped three shots the rest of the way, shot 72 and tied for ninth. It was his first top 10 in a major since last year in the British Open.

Still, Woods now has gone nine majors without winning and was reduced to an afterthought for much of a breezy afternoon along the Firth of Clyde.



Phil Mickelson's bogey on the 13th hole proved costly Sunday, as the Masters champion shot 68 Sunday and finished one shot behind winner Todd Hamilton and Ernie Els.

"I had hope this week," Woods said. "Hopefully, next time in the PGA I will win the tournament."

The British Open didn't need Woods around to supply the drama — especially the final two holes.

Hamilton was cool as can be coming down the stretch and looked like a sure bet to win after chipping in for birdie from 30 feet on the par-3 14th to get to 10 under. Then he holed a 12-foot birdie on the par-5 16th to keep his cushion.

Then came the wild 18th, where both players had a chance to win.

Hamilton pushed his iron off the tee and into the rough, and chopped it across the fairway next to a guard railing that restricted his swing. He chipped to 20 feet and made bogey.

Els hit his approach to within the shadow of the flag, leaving him 12 feet away from the claret jug.

"Had he made it, I still would have been very happy," Hamilton said. "If you could have told me at the start of the week, 'We'll give you second place, you don't even have to bother showing up,' I would have probably said, 'OK.'"

Even in the playoff, the odds favored Els. He was No. 2 in the world with three major titles, going against a journeyman in contention for the first time in a Grand Slam event.

Els didn't see it that way. He met Hamilton during his global travels and knew what he was up against.

"And I knew he wasn't going to back off," Els said.

British Open scoreboard

Sunday At Royal Troon Golf Club Purse: \$2.4 million Yardage: 7,176 Yds Par: 71	
Final	(6-man tie)
x-Todd Hamilton, U.S., 68-67-69-274 10	x-Todd Hamilton, U.S., 68-67-69-274 10
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Jyoti Randhawa, India, 69-68-68-274 10	Jyoti Randhawa, India, 69-68-68-274 10
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Once-dominant Woods content just to contend

BY STEPHEN WADE

The Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — Tiger Woods used to talk about winning.

Now he talks about being in contention to win.

Woods' string without a victory in a major tournament reached nine on Sunday in the British Open.

This time it was the back nine at Royal Troon that killed him, where the holes are longer and winds usually unfavorable and gusting. He had only one birdie there all week — the 16th on Thursday — and zero on Sunday as he seemed to be mounting a challenge.

"Well, I had a chance this week and felt like I really could have won this tournament, but because I didn't win," said Woods after a 1-over 72 left him seven shots behind American Todd Hamilton and Ernie Els at 3-under 281.

Hamilton defeated Els by one stroke in a four-hole playoff.

"I got off to a nice start there, but on the back nine it went the other way," Woods said.

At least he was in contention for the first time since the British Open a year ago at Royal St.

George, where he was two strokes back tied for fourth. But to win his ninth major title, Woods needed to come from four strokes behind.

He's never done that. His eight major titles all have been won entering the final round in the lead, or sharing the lead.

A run seemed in the making when Woods birdied five and six, which put him 6 under and just three strokes off the lead. But he missed a makable birdie putt at seven, which ended the mini-charge.

"When I got through at six, I felt like, 'I could post nine or 10 (under)' or somewhere in there, I would have a great chance of winning or forcing it into a playoff," he said. "Then I had that short putt on seven and missed it."

"If I just would have played the back nine decent and shot 3-under par and posted a number early, you never know."

Since Woods' last victory in 2002 at the U.S. Open, he has finished an average of eight strokes behind the winner in the subsequent nine majors.

A reporter Sunday asked about his slump.

A year ago at Royal St. George, when the idea was suggested,



Tiger Woods was not a factor at Royal Troon on Sunday and failed to win a major tournament for the ninth straight time.

Woods snapped, "It's not one of those things I'm really thinking about."

On Sunday, he smiled when the question was posed, sounding more philosophical than peeved.

"It's part of the process, it's part of playing, part of competing," he said. "I've had opportunities to win, particularly in the last two years here at this championship. I could have won."

Asked to sum up his play, he replied, "I didn't make any major mistakes, but I didn't make enough puts. Hopefully next time in the PGA I will win the tournament."

UNLV's Moore cruises to second Public Links title

The Associated Press

MAPLE GROVE, Minn. — Ryan Moore needed just 31 holes to beat Dayton Rose in Saturday's 36-hole match-play finals and win his second U.S. Amateur Public Links championship.

Moore, of Puyallup, Wash., a senior-to-be at Nevada-Las Vegas, built a five-hole lead through 14 en route to a 6 and 5 victory over Rose. The 21-year-old capped Moore's dominant week of golf at Rush Creek Golf Club, where he never trailed in his final five matches, covering 88 holes.

"I love having the lead," Moore said. "I enjoy being the guy people are coming after. But I put more pressure on myself to succeed than anyone else could put on me."

Moore, who won medalist honors at the NCAA championship last month by six strokes, claimed the Public Links' Standish Cup for the second time in three years and secured a berth in the 2005 Masters. He's now 13-1 in match play at the last three Public Links championships.

Moore also became the Public Links' first multiple winner since David Berganio won in 1991 and 1993. He's the eighth multiple winner in the 79-year history of the U.S. Amateur Public Links, which the NCAA individual championship and the Public Links title in the same year.

Golf roundup

Byrd maintains B.C. Open lead

ENDICOTT, N.Y. — Jonathan Byrd shot a 4-under 68 to maintain his one-hole lead after the third round of the B.C. Open.

Byrd, who had never led a tournament before this round, was at 16-under 200 but had a flock of challengers in his wake.

Robert Gomez (65), Ted Purdy (65), Tommy Totah (65), Notah Begay (66) and John Morgan (68) were a stroke back.

Second round 67 puts Estill atop Giant Eagle leader board

VIENNA, Ohio — Michelle Estill shot a 5-under 67 on Saturday to share the lead with Young-A Yang, a second-year pro chasing her first career win, after the rain-delayed second round of the Giant Eagle LPGA Classic.

Estill and Yang finished the first 36 holes at 6-under 138. The start of the second round was delayed by 2 hours, 15 minutes. More rain is predicted for the final round, with the field going off early in threesomes from the Nos. 1 and 10 tees in order to get the round in.

Earnhardt Jr. treated for burns after wreck

The Associated Press

A fun weekend of racing for Dale Earnhardt Jr. turned frightening Sunday when a wreck during a warmup for an American Le Mans Series race turned his car into a fireball, leaving him hospitalized with burns on his face and legs.

Earnhardt's injuries were "moderate-sized burns of moderate intensity," according to medical officials at Inland Empire Raceway in Sonoma, Calif. The ALMS said Earnhardt had second-degree burns on the insides of both legs and on his chin.

The NASCAR star, son of the late Dale Earnhardt, was flown to the University of California-Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, where he was expected to be kept overnight for observation. He will be examined again Monday.

"I'm bummed out and disappointed I couldn't run the race," Earnhardt said through a team spokesman. Steve Crisp, a spokesman for Dale Earnhardt Inc., said Earnhardt was not badly injured. "They've done the X-rays and there's no bones broken," Crisp said. "He'll be fine."

Agassi resting for U.S. Open
INDIANAPOLIS — Andre Agassi withdrew from the RCA Championships on Saturday, saying his 34-year-old body needs rest as he prepares for the U.S. Open.

Agassi said his off-injured hip felt great coming off three matches this week in the Mercedes-Benz Cup in Los Angeles, but he didn't want to risk overexerting himself playing consecutive weeks.

Agassi was the top seed in Los Angeles this week, but lost to Tommy Haas 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6), 6-3 in the quarterfinals Friday.

Diaz outposts Sim to capture WBA lightweight title

HOUSTON — Juan Diaz captured the WBA lightweight championship in front of a hometown crowd by outpointing Lalka Sim of Mongolia on Saturday night.

The judges scored the bout 118-110, 116-112 and 118-111.

Sports briefs

Diaz (25-0) threw sharp combinations and went toe to toe with Sim (19-4-1) in a brawling match.

In other action, Continental Americas champion Rocky Juarez (21-0) outpointed Zabeer Raheem (25-1) in an IBF featherweight elimination match. Judges scored the bout 115-109, 113-111 and 114-110.

Kermit Cintron (24-0) captured the WBO interim and NABF welterweight championships by stopping Teddy Reid (22-6-1) at 2:04 of the eighth round.

Former IBF lightweight champ Spadafora TKOs Campos

PITTSBURGH — Former IBF lightweight champion Paul Spadafora won his second straight fight since moving up to junior welterweight, stopping Francisco Campos in the third round Saturday night.

Spadafora, from Pittsburgh, won the first two rounds and opened a cut above Campos' right eye before referee Rick Steigewald stopped the fight at 1:02 of third.

Spadafora (38-0-1) looks toward a possible full fight against Arturo Gatti, Ricky Hatton or Leonard Dorin. Campos, from Costa Rica, is 17-1-1.

Spadafora gave up his IBF 135-pound following a 12-round draw with WBC champion Dorin in a May 17, 2003, title unification fight in Pittsburgh.

Ali's daughter records KO

BOWIE, Md. — Laila Ali had little trouble defending her International Boxing Association super middleweight championship Saturday night, stopping Nikki Epilon at 1:30 of the fourth round.

Ali (17-0, 13 knockouts), the daughter of Muhammad Ali, showed some of the speed and quickness that made her father famous.

She repeatedly cut off the slower Epilon (2-2-2), forcing her to the ropes or into a corner and unloading with flurries of punches.



Andretti Green Racing's Tony Kanaan (11) increased his lead in the IRL driver standings to 61 points with a victory in the Firestone Indy 200 on Saturday in Glendale, Tenn. It was Kanaan's third victory of the season.

Kanaan wins third IRL race

Teammate's misfortune helps driver pad series lead

BY TERESA M. WALKER

The Associated Press

GLADEVILLE, Tenn. — Dan Wheldon's bad luck turned into another victory for Tony Kanaan.

Kanaan saw Wheldon's right rear tire going flat after a tangle with Buddy Rice's car and grabbed the lead before holding off Sam Hornish Jr. in a 12-lap shootout Saturday night in the Firestone Indy 200.

After his third victory of the season, Kanaan said he felt sorry for his teammate who probably had a better car at the Nashville Superspeedway.

"His start was perfect. He made a decision on the setup I didn't believe would work, and it definitely worked pretty well. The beginning of the race I was thinking I should've gone that way," Kanaan said.

"Unfortunately, sometimes it does go your way. Tonight it wasn't his fault. But he was in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Kanaan led only the final 19 laps, but that was enough to pad his lead in the IndyCar Series driver standings from 28 points to 61 over Wheldon, his Andretti Green Racing teammate. Kanaan also won at Phoenix and Texas.

Hornish, driving for the Penske team that won here last year with Gil de Ferran, tried to chase down Kanaan. Hornish appeared to be ready to pass Kanaan on the backstretch of the final lap but lost momentum.

Hornish finished second ahead of teammate Helio Castroneves, who was third for a second straight year here. Darren Manning was fourth with a Toyota engine, followed by Townsend Bell with a Chevrolet engine.

Rice, the pole-sitter who was trying for his second straight victory, led 52 laps before losing the lead to Wheldon on lap 165.

Asashoryu wins fourth straight Emperor's Cup

The Associated Press

NAGOYA, Japan — Grand champion Asashoryu ran away with his fourth straight Emperor's Cup on Sunday, bowling over ozeki Kaio in the Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament.

The championship was tight to the end, with five wrestlers vying for the Cup.

Asashoryu's one-victory lead

going into the final day's bouts was decisive. It was the Mongolian-born wrestler's eighth title overall — proving his mettle as the sole reigning yokozuna, sumo's most prestigious rank.

In the day's final bout at Aichi Prefectural Gymnasium, Asashoryu made quick work of Kaio to post his 13th win. The grand champion spun Kaio (12-3)

round by the belt, wrapped him in a bear hug and, with a final shove, emerged the victor.

"I remembered how sad I was for not winning last year's Nagoya tournament and so I gave it everything I had," Asashoryu said.

Asked what he will strive for next, Asashoryu said: "The Tokyo tournament. I've still never won it before."

Earthquakes shake off winless streak

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Brian Ching scored twice to help the San Jose Earthquakes snap a five-game winless streak with a 3-1 victory Saturday over the Colorado Rapids.

In the 22nd minute, Landon Donovan collected a long pass and dished the ball to Ronnie Elklund. The Danish midfielder found Ching, who beat former San Jose goalkeeper Joe Cannon.

Ching gave San Jose a 2-0 lead in the 50th minute, after Donovan twice failed to score. Donovan had a one-on-one chance against Cannon but didn't get a good shot. He soon had another shot but hit the left post.

Seconds later, Ramiro Corrales crossed to Ching, who tapped in his second goal.

MLS roundup

Donovan converted his next chance, scoring San Jose's final goal from six yards in the 55th minute.

Second-half substitute Steve Trembley scored Colorado's only goal — his first of the season — with a blast in the 83rd minute.

Galaxy 1, United 1: Carlos Ruiz scored his MLS-leading 10th goal on a second-half penalty kick, lifting Los Angeles to a tie with host D.C. United.

Los Angeles (9-5-5) is unbeaten in its past five games. D.C. is 4-2-3 at home and 5-6-6 overall.

Crew 1, Revolution 1: In Columbus, Ohio, Kyle Martino scored in the 45th minute to help

Columbus (5-5-5) tie New England (4-8-5).

MetroStars 1, Fire 1: Amado Guevara scored on a penalty kick in the 84th minute to give the visiting MetroStars a tie.

The MetroStars (6-6-5) remained atop the Eastern Conference standings despite a 1-3-1 record in the past five games.

Damian Ralph scored his team-leading eighth goal for Chicago (4-6-7).

Wizards 1, Burn 0: Tony Meola made three saves for his MLS-record 55th career shutout, and Diego Gutierrez scored for visiting Kansas City.

Meola, the MLS leader with seven shutouts, helped Kansas City (9-4-4) push its unbeaten streak to eight games. Dallas dropped to 5-6-5.

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Top riders relax during Tour's 14th stage

BY JOHN LEICESTER
The Associated Press

NIMES, France — After two torrid days in the Pyrenees and more pain lurking in the Alps, Lance Armstrong and other top riders caught their breath Sunday, allowing Astor Gonzalez of Spain to win the flat 14th stage.

Armstrong finished in 39th place alongside overall leader Thomas Voeckler. They both had the same time, meaning Voeckler kept his 22-second lead on the five-time champion for at least another day.

Gonzalez was among 10 riders who were so far down in the overall standings that the main pack, which included Armstrong, did not chase the small group that surged ahead with about 55 miles left.

The stage win was Gonzalez's first in three Tours and the first by a Spanish rider in this year's showcase race. The main pack was way behind, still pedaling, when the Spaniard crossed the line in Nimes, the picturesque end of a 119.6-mile swing through southern France from the medieval fortified city of Carcassonne.

Armstrong, aiming for a record sixth straight Tour de France title, and Voeckler finished 14 minutes, 12 seconds behind Gonzalez. The Texan is expected to take the lead from Voeckler, a Frenchman who has shown surprising resilience, in the Alps and two time trials in this last week of the three-week race.

Jan Ullrich, the 1997 Tour winner who had two disastrous days in the Pyrenees, placed 21st, also with the same time as Voeckler and Armstrong. The German reckoned 6:39 behind Armstrong overall —



Danilo Hondo, Erik Zabel, Thor Hushovd and Robbie McEwen battle at the end of Sunday's 14th stage of the Tour de France. McEwen padded his lead in the Tour's sprint standings.

out of contention for the Tour title.

Italian Ivan Basso, the last real threat to Armstrong, placed 31st — still 1:17 behind Armstrong overall.

Australian Robbie McEwen solidified his campaign to win the green jersey awarded to the Tour's best sprinter by dashing to the line ahead of other speedsters. His 11th-place finish earned him 15 points in the green jersey competition, taking his total to 225.

Erik Zabel of Germany, who picked up

11 points by finishing 15th, is second in the sprinters' standings with 212 points.

Norwegian Thor Hushovd, edged at the line Sunday by McEwen, is third with 209 points. McEwen, who also won in 2002, is well-placed to take his second green jersey title at the finish in Paris on July 25 — if he makes it over the Alps this week.

Gonzalez, winner of the 2002 Tour of Spain, broke away from his small group with just over 3 miles left. The nine other cyclists in his escape group couldn't orga-

nize an effective chase, allowing Gonzalez to build a small lead that he held to the finish.

"I felt the ideal moment to attack and I gave everything I had," he said.

It was the third victory for his Fassa Bortolo team in this Tour.

"It's an enormous satisfaction for me," said Gonzalez, who has never completed a Tour and is still 24:34 behind Armstrong overall, with no hope of a top-three finish. "Until now, things had not gone as I wanted. But today victory is here."

Two French riders in the escape group, Nicolas Jalabert and Christophe Mengin, made a late but fruitless effort to catch Gonzalez. They rolled in second and third, respectively, 25 seconds behind the Spaniard's mark of 4 hours, 18 minutes, 32 seconds.

The first 60 miles were quick and tiring on legs already aching after two days of grueling climbs in the Pyrenees, where Armstrong overpowered other favorites, clearing his path to another title.

Because none of Sunday's 10 breakaway riders represented a threat to Armstrong, Voeckler and others, there was little point chasing them. The main pack, already looking forward to a rest day Monday, eased up as the escapees disappeared into the distance.

"We started to unwind," French rider Richard Virenque said. "Some of the boys are exhausted."

Riders will use the rest day to regroup, treat injuries and steel themselves physically and mentally for three days in the Alps. The first Alpine stage Tuesday, 112 miles from Valreais to Villard-de-Lans, takes riders up seven climbs, including a steep 7½-mile ascent of the Col de l'Echarasson.

Tigers split with Yankees to surpass 2003 wins total

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers surpassed their 2003 wins total with 2½ months left in the season, beating the New York Yankees 4-2 Sunday.

AL Roundup
behind the pitching of Nate Robertson and the hitting of Carlos Pena.

Detroit, which split the four-game series against the defending AL champions, improved to 44-47. Last year, the Tigers set an AL record for losses by going 43-119. The Tigers won the season series from New York 4-3.

The Tigers easily set a record for fewest games needed to surpass their wins total from the pre-

vious year, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The previous mark of 106 was set by the 1962 Philadelphia Phillies (48-58 after going 47-107) and the 1999 Baltimore Orioles (55-51 following a 54-107 season).

Robertson (9-4) allowed two runs and six hits in eight innings. Ugueth Urbina allowed a leadoff double to Derek Jeter in the ninth, then finished for his 15th save in 14 chances. He struck out Gary Sheffield, retired Alex Rodriguez on a flyout and then, with the crowd on its feet, fanned Ruben Sierra.

Devil Rays 7, Orioles 2: Mark Hendrickson pitched a four-hitter for his second career complete game and Carl Crawford hit a two-run triple during a five-run sixth inning for host Tampa Bay.

Hendrickson (7-7) struck out six and walked one in Tampa Bay's first complete game since Victor Zambrano beat Oakland 1-2 on Sept. 7, 2003. The former NBA player retired his first 12 batters before Javy Lopez opened the fifth with a ground-rule double to right.

In Saturday's games:

Yankees 5, Tigers 3: The New York Yankees might have found a solution to their pitching woes that doesn't involve Randy Johnson.

While the Yankees explore a trade for the Arizona ace and wait for Kevin Brown and Mike Mussina to come off the disabled list, Orlando Hernandez has filled in quite well.

El Duque won for the second time in two starts since returning to the major leagues, allowing

three runs and six hits in five innings, striking out six and walking three.

Angels 8, Red Sox 3: Vladimir Guerrero and Adam Kennedy homered, and Bartolo Colon pitched six solid innings at home.

Colon (7-8) won his second straight start after going 1-6 with an 8.45 ERA in his previous 10 outings.

Indians 6, Mariners 5: Ben Broussard hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning and drove in three runs, sending C.C. Sabathia and visiting Cleveland to a victory.

The last-place Mariners lost for the 11th time in 12 games despite Buckey Jacobson's first major league home run and three RBIs.

White Sox 5, Athletics 2: Fred-

dy Garcia won for the third time in four starts since his trade to the White Sox.

Paul Konerko, Carlos Lee and Aaron Rowand homered for the White Sox, who won for the second time in their last 17 games at Oakland.

Orioles 3, Devil Rays 2: Miguel Tejada had three hits and an RBI, leading Rodrigo Lopez and Baltimore past host Tampa Bay.

The loss was the sixth in seven games for the Devil Rays.

Rangers 4, Blue Jays 0: Mark Teixeira hit a three-run homer and Ricardo Rodriguez combined with three relievers on an eight-hit-ter to lead Texas to a win at home.

Teixeira hit his 20th homer in the fourth.

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Braves, Phillies tied again

Braves rout Montreal; Leiter paces Mets' win

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Eli Marrero hit a grand slam in the first inning Sunday, Chipper Jones finished a double short of the cycle and the Atlanta Braves moved into a tie for the NL East lead with a 16-5 rout of the Montreal Expos.

The Braves won their sixth straight series by taking three of four from Montreal. Philadelphia's 6-1 loss to the New York Mets dropped the Phillies back into a first-place tie with Atlanta, which is seeking a 13th straight division title.

Jones drove in four runs and J.D. Drew extended his career-best hitting streak to 15 games with two singles.

John Thomson (7-7) allowed three runs and eight hits in five innings to win for the first time in three starts.

Mets 6, Phillies 1: Al Leiter pitched six shutout innings and Mike Cameron and Vance Wilson hit back-to-back homers in the fifth for host New York.

Leiter (6-3) allowed four hits and struck out a season-high seven for his fifth win in six starts as the Mets salvaged a split of the four-game series.

Wilson and Cameron each drove in two runs for the Mets, who moved two games behind Philadelphia and Atlanta in the NL East. Cameron also made a big play in center when he ran down Doug Glavine's slicing line in the fifth and doubled up Todd Pratt at first base, keeping the game scoreless.

Cardinals 10, Reds 4: Mike Matheny drove in three runs and Jeff Suppan (9-5) won his third straight start, leading visiting St. Louis to its 11th victory in 13 games.

Edgar Renteria and Reggie Sanders hit solo homers for St. Louis, which has won eight of 10 against the Reds this season.

Suppan allowed four runs and seven hits in six-plus innings.

Jose Acevedo (4-8) gave up six runs, seven hits and three walks in 2 1/3 innings.

Renteria's leadoff homer tied the score in the third and Jim Edmonds' RBI double gave the Cardinals a 3-2 lead. John Mabry hit a sacrifice fly and Matheny chased Acevedo with a two-run double to make it 6-2.

Astros 5, Padres 3: Roger Clemens won his 32nd game as host Houston ended a four-game losing streak and gave Phil Garner his first victory in three games as manager.

Clemens (11-3), rocked for six runs in the third inning of Tuesday's All-Star Game in Houston, had been 0-1 in three starts since beating Pittsburgh on June 24. He moved within three of Nolan Ryan and Don Sutton for 12th on the career win list.

Brewers 4, Cubs 2: Chris Capuano pitched six innings and Scott Podsednik had three hits for visiting Milwaukee.

Kerry Wood allowed one run and four hits in six innings, but Milwaukee went ahead with two runs in the seventh off Francis Beltrán (2-2) and Kent Mercker.

Jeff Bennett entered in the bottom of the seventh in relief of Capuano (4-5), who allowed one run and four hits. Derrek Lee's 14th homer pulled the Cubs to 3-2, but Milwaukee added a run in the eighth on Lyle Overbay's single off Mike Renteria, and singles by Brady Clark and Keith Ginter off Kyle Farnsworth.

Prates 4, Marlins 2: Pinch-hitter Bobby Hill came through with a go-ahead homer leading off the eighth and Pittsburgh won its 10th straight at home.

The home winning streak is Pittsburgh's longest since a 24-game run in 1978.

Hill hit relief pitcher Billy Koch's first pitch of the inning over the right-field stands for his second homer, both as a pinch-hitter. Hill's shot came a day after the Pirates kept their



Cincinnati Reds baserunner Adam Dunn (44) steals second as St. Louis Cardinals second baseman Marion Anderson takes the late throw in the second inning of Sunday's game in Cincinnati.

home streak going by rallying for three runs in the eighth and a 4-2 victory.

The Marlins dropped their 10th in 14 games to fall below .500 (45-46) for the first time since they were 41-42 on June 29, 2003, just before they began the run that carried them to a World Series title.

Rockies 10, Giants 9: Jeremy Burnitz hit a two-run homer, Preston Wilson followed with a solo shot to tie it and Aaron Miles singled in the winning run as host Colorado scored four times in the ninth. The Giants scored three runs in the top of the ninth, including solo homers by Michael Tucker and Barry Bonds.

Bonds, who also had two singles and walked once, has 24 homers this season and 682 for his career.

In Saturday's NL games:

Braves 6, Expos 2: Marcus Giles hit a tie-breaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning and Russ Ortiz continued his domination of the visiting Expos.

J.D. Drew and Adam LaRoche had solo homers for the Braves, who won for the 14th time in 18 games and stayed one game behind Philadelphia in the NL East.

Ortiz (11-6) won his fifth straight start and improved to 4-0 this season against the Expos. He allowed one hit — an RBI single by Carl Everett in the first — and pitched around the walk in 7 1/3 innings. John Smoltz got the final four outs for his 17th save in 19 chances.

Prates 4, Marlins 2: Tike Redman's tying

single sparked a three-run rally in the eighth and Pittsburgh extended its home winning streak to nine games.

Marlins starter Carl Pavano took a 2-1 lead into the eighth, but was lifted after Jason Bay doubled with one out, Armando Benitez (2-1) allowed five of the first six batters he faced to reach base. Redman's run-scoring single tied it, pinch-hitter Tony Alvarez had a go-ahead sacrifice fly and Jack Wilson singled in a run.

Giants 4, Rockies 0: Jason Schmidt allowed four hits in eight innings for his 12th straight victory, beating Colorado in the 26th shutout in Coors Field history.

The Giants managed just three hits, but Barry Bonds had a two-run double in the eighth after being walked twice. That was more than enough for Schmidt (12-2), who struck out eight and walked two in combining with Jim Brower and Scott Eyre on a four-hit shutout. Schmidt has not lost since April 26, a span of 16 starts. Jack Sanford won 16 straight decisions for the Giants in 1962.

Dodgers 7, Diamondbacks 6: Pinch-hitter Robin Ventura hit a two-run homer in the ninth as visiting Los Angeles beat Arizona.

Adrian Beltré had an RBI single earlier in the inning off Mike Kopek, who hit two batters, walked one and gave up three runs while getting just one out. Kopek left after allowing Beltré's hit. Brian Bruney (2-3) relieved and got an out before Ventura homered.

Eric Gagne struck out the side around a single in the ninth for his 25th save in 26 chances.

Cubs say Prior OK following workout

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Cubs right-hander Mark Prior tested his elbow in a 10-minute pregame throwing session Sunday and emerged relatively pain free.

Prior, forced out of his start last Thursday when he felt discomfort in the elbow during the second inning, is scheduled to pitch Tuesday against St. Louis. The Cubs won't determine his status until Monday after seeing how he rebounds from Sunday's workout. Prior declined comment.

"He let it go pretty good today and it was good to see him be able to do that and not have it barking

at him at all. We'll see how he is tomorrow and go from there," pitching coach Larry

Rothschild said.

An 18-game winner last season, Prior missed the first two months of a sore Achilles' tendon and elbow before being activated June 4. He has a 2.2 record.

Tests taken Friday revealed no structural damage to the ligament or nerve in his elbow, but he has irritation of the lining in the bone of his elbow, a condition likened to shin splints.

Halladay will make next start

ARLINGTON, Texas — Toronto right-hander Roy Halladay will make his scheduled start on Wednesday in New York against the Yankees despite concerns about his sore shoulder.

Halladay, the AL Cy Young winner, allowed six runs and seven hits over four innings in Friday night's 11-2 loss at Texas, his shortest outing of the season.

Halladay was on the DL, because of soreness in his right shoulder and has made seven starts since he was activated on June 12, going 2-3 with a 5.85 ERA.

"We'll see how he does over the next couple of days and go from there," Blue Jays manager Carlos Tosca said. "He's still scheduled to make his next start."

Halladay, 7-7 this season after going 22-7 in 2003, said after Friday night's game that he has a tired arm, but didn't think there was anything seriously wrong.

Everett goes to White Sox

ATLANTA — Carl Everett rejoined the Chicago White Sox on Sunday when the outfielder was traded by Montreal for minor league pitchers Jon Rauch and Gary Molewski.

Everett played the final 73 games of last season for Chicago. He started 203 with Texas, then was sent to the White Sox on July 1. He batted .301 with 10 home runs and 41 RBIs with Chicago. He signed a \$7.5 million, two-year contract with Montreal in December.

This season, Everett is batting .252 with two homers and 14 RBIs in 39 games.

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N.Y.	P	L	Pct	GB						W	L	Pct	GB																
New York	57	63	.633	-						W	L	Pct	GB																
Boston	50	69	.556	7						W	L	Pct	GB																
Tampa Bay	44	48	.478	13½						W	L	Pct	GB																
Baltimore	40	58	.408	19						W	L	Pct	GB																
Toronto	39	51	.433	18						W	L	Pct	GB																
Central Division										St. Louis Cardinals										St. Louis Cardinals									
N.Y.	P	L	Pct	GB						W	L	Pct	GB																
Chicago	44	41	.534	-						W	L	Pct	GB																
Minnesota	42	46	.478	3						W	L	Pct	GB																
Cleveland	44	48	.484	4						W	L	Pct	GB																
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Kansas City	33	55	.375	14½						W	L	Pct	GB																
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San Francisco (Ponson 3-4) at Kansas City (Anderson 1-8)										W	L	Pct	GB																
San Francisco (Arroyo 3-7) at Seattle (Villone 3-2)										W	L	Pct	GB																
Cleveland (Tadano 1-0) at Anaheim (Sele 5-6)										W	L	Pct	GB																
Toronto (Torres 3-4) at Oakland (Scairo 1-0)										W	L	Pct	GB																
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Dream come Troon

Journeyman Hamilton wins British Open in playoff

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — Unflappable to the very end, Todd Hamilton tapped in a par putt to win the British Open in a playoff, bending over to get the ball out of the hole as if it was just another round of golf.

Then he stopped. And only then did the enormity of the moment — and how he got there — start to sink in.

Twelve years toiling in the most obscure outposts in golf. Eight tries at PGA Tour school before reaching the big leagues as a 38-year-old father of three.

Now, British Open champion. Turning his back on the hole, he let out a whoop, raised both arms in the air and hugged his caddie.

"I hoped that something like this would happen," Hamilton said.

Tough times only hardened his resolve on the back nine of Royal Troon, where Hamilton overcame Phil Mickelson and outlasted Ernie Els in a four-hole playoff Sunday to capture the silver claret jug.

Hamilton made four pars in the playoff, the last one the toughest of them all. From 40 yards short of the hole, he used a utility club to bump the ball along the crusty grass until it stopped 2 feet from the cup.

Els had a 12-foot birdie putt in regulation to win. His last chance was a 15-foot birdie putt from the same line to keep the playoff going, but it turned away to the left.

"I had my chances," Els said after his third close call in the majors this year.

For the second year in a row, the jug went to a player no one could have imagined at the start of the week. But unlike Ben Curtis, who was ranked 396th when he won at Royal St. George's in his first major, no one will ever call Hamilton a fluke.

Not after he beat back a leader board loaded with majors champions.

Not after he refused to get flustered when Mickelson took the lead with eight holes to play.

And certainly not after going toe-to-toe with Els in a pressure-packed playoff.

"I've won tournaments around the world before, but nothing on a stage like this," Hamilton said.

An 11-time winner on the Japanese tour, Hamilton thought he had hit the big time when he birdied the final two holes for a one-shot victory over Davis Love III in the Honda Classic in March.



Todd Hamilton jumps into the arms of his caddy Ron Levin after winning the British Open at Royal Troon golf course in Troon, Scotland on Sunday. Hamilton defeated South Africa's Ernie Els in a four-hole playoff.

His name is now on the oldest trophy in golf alongside Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods.

"I knew I was a decent golfer. I knew I tried hard, I knew I worked hard," Hamilton said. "Sometimes I think what kept me back... I put a lot of pressure on myself to do well, and a lot of times I felt that in tournaments like this, if I happened to get into them, I didn't really feel that I belonged."

Els had to make 10-footers for birdie on the 16th and 17th holes to keep his hopes alive at Royal Troon. And when Hamilton bogeyed the 18th hole in regulation, the Big Easy had a 12-foot putt for the win.

But he left it short, and his putter let him down in the playoff as well. He missed a 12-foot birdie putt on No. 1, and fell behind when he overshot the third extra hole, the par-3 17th, and missed a 10-footer for par.

Hamilton made sure he didn't catch up.

"Coming so close obviously is disappointing," Els said. "To get into the playoff from where I was, you've got to take the positive."

Els shot 68 in the final round and earned a dubious distinction. He had all four rounds in the 60s for the second time in a British Open without winning; the other time was at Royal St. George's in 1993.

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Spaniard captures flat 14th stage as Armstrong bides his time

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THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Leading scores after the final round of the 133rd British Open at Royal Troon:

x-Todd Hamilton	71-67-67-68-274	-10
Ernie Els	69-69-68-68-274	-10
Phil Mickelson	73-68-68-68-275	-9
Lee Westwood	72-71-68-67-278	-6
Thomas Levet	66-70-71-72-279	-5
Davis Love III	72-69-71-67-279	-5
Scott Verplank	69-70-70-71-280	-4
Peter Goosen	69-70-69-73-280	-4
Mike Weir	72-69-71-67-281	-3
Tiger Woods	70-71-68-72-281	-3

x=won in four-hole playoff

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Points leader Kanaan notches third IRL victory

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